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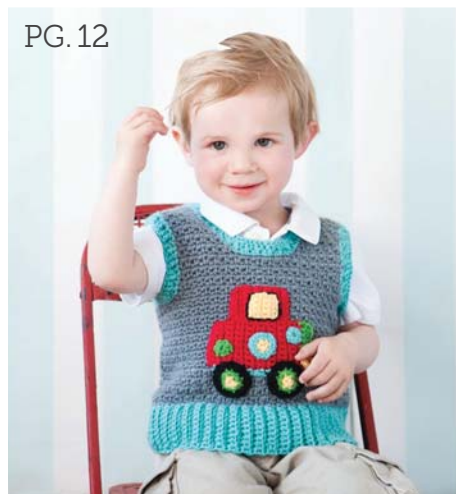
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And Baby makes five?

A slew of expecting friends has me busy this spring making adorable crochet gifts!

My Favorites

Last fall, it seemed like every woman I knew was emailing or calling with exciting baby news, whether it was their first or another one on the way. Three girlfriends have given birth in the last couple months (my usual corny response: a *Crochet Today* model was born today!) while two are anxiously awaiting their approaching due dates.

It's very fun as the "auntie" of these little ones to start planning what I will make for each of them. In the past, I've made mobiles and bibs. Some have inherited *Crochet Today* projects while moms have put in orders for blankets, curtains (sewn), and hats. Long story short, I've been busy.

But I'm always partial to a handmade baby gift as opposed to a registry item. I figure if I have the skills to do it, then I can leave the diapers and baby bottles to the noncrafty friends and family. It's kind of my duty to make something for the child who, once grown, can maybe pass on my handmade gift to their child. I'm sure many of you find yourselves the crafty gifters in your circle as well.

Inside, find our very favorite baby gifts for you to make for yourself, friends, family, coworkers, even for charity. We've got six adorable blankets (from hearts to frogs to polka dots and more), baby bibs you'll swoon over, and quirky hats that will bring more smiles to a joyous occasion.

Each item comes in a variety of sizes so you can plan for big kids too. It's spring now, but this timeless collection includes projects for a variety of seasons, including garments for back to school.

And when your little one is ready to crochet on his or her own, we have a great tutorial on page 63 for teaching kids how to crochet from Lucinda Guy, author of *Kids Learn to Crochet*.

Congratulations on your baby news, old or new, and enjoy making these wonderful heirlooms for years to come.

Theresa

Theresa Gonzalez
Editor-in-Chief



So cute for the beach or back to school, pg. 58



Love the kaleidoscope of color here, pg. 53



What a great gift for new moms! pg. 23

PS. Don't forget to enter our Baby Photo Contest! Win a Canon Camera and Red Heart's new Anne Geddes Baby Yarn! Details on pg. 4 or visit www.crochettoday.com/win.

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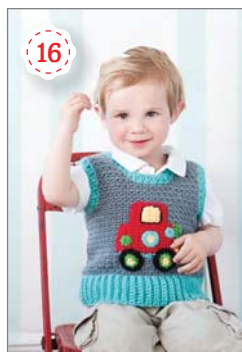
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Cupcake Bibs



It's a Girl! Set



Clown Car Vest



Giraffe Hat



Sporty Zip Vest



Daisy Cocoon and Hat



Red Riding Hood Cape



Terrific Tees



Annie Dress



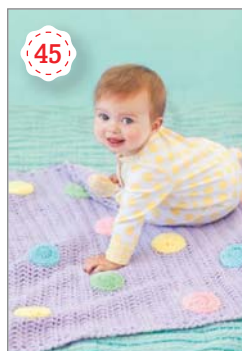
Rabbit Blanket



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Owl Bag Set

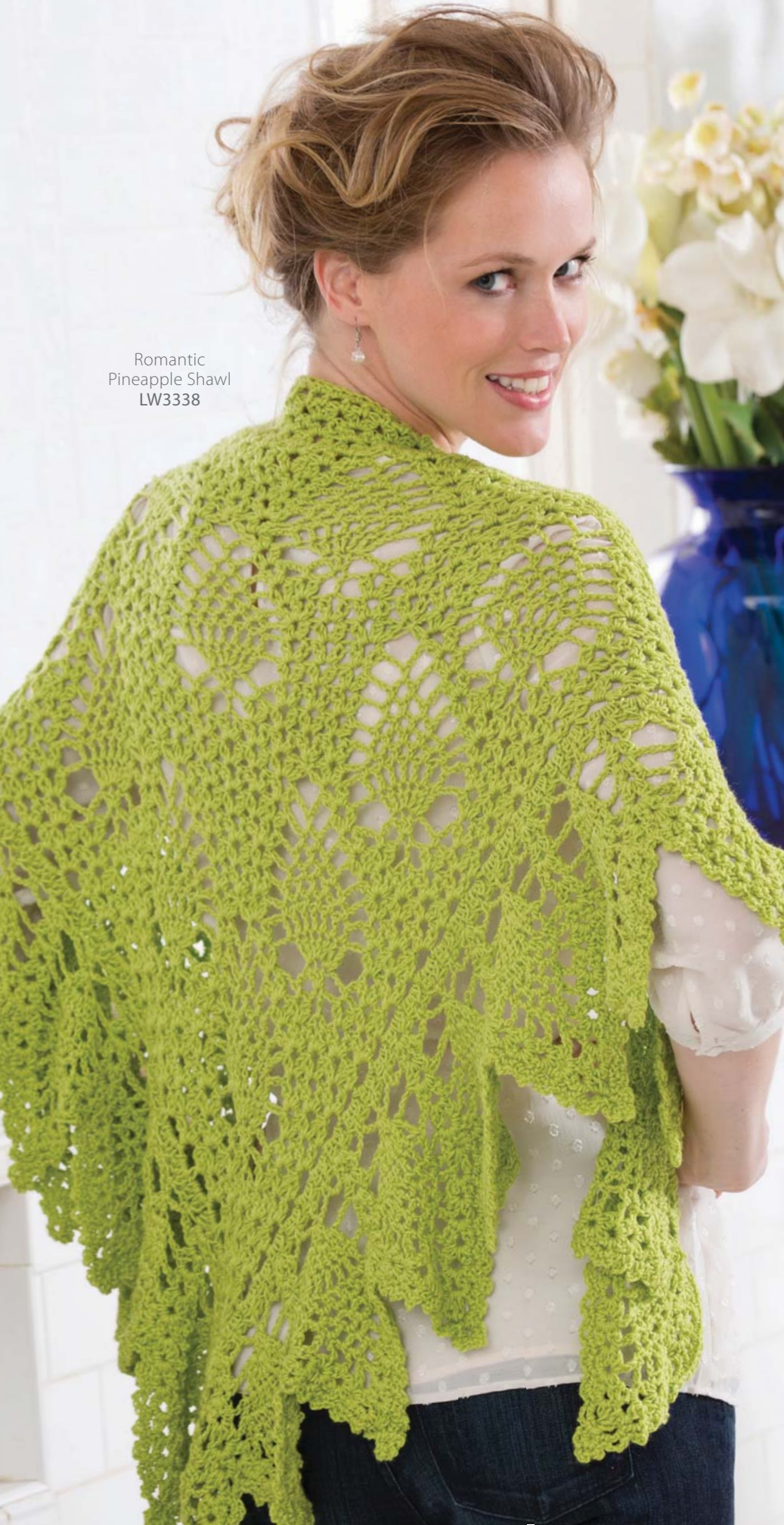


Homework Blanket



Stripy Stu

Romantic
Pineapple Shawl
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Cupcake Bibs

Whip up a sweet confection for your favorite tot. These cute, washable bibs also make great birthday gifts!

BY LINDA PERMANN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #9505 Aqua (A)
- 1 ball #9600 White (B)
- 1 ball #9590 Lavender (D)
- 1 ball #9700 Baby Pink (E)

RED HEART With Love, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 370yd/338m (acrylic)

- 10 yards #1909 Holly Berry (C)
- For yarn substitutions, see pg 66.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 7 (4.5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- One button, .5"/12mm diameter
- Sewing needle and thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4

the yarn  4

Soft Baby Steps in Lavender

the yarn  4

With Love in Holly Berry



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width Approx 7.5"/19cm

Height Approx 7.5"/19cm, not including Cherry or Strap

GAUGE

25 sts and 12 rows = 4"/10cm over BPdc, FPdc pattern.

Rounds 1–5 = 3"/7.5cm over Frosting pattern.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 20.

Row 1 (WS) Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across—18 dc.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn; FPdc around each of first 2 sts, *BPdc around each of next 2 sts, FPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—10 FPdc, 8 BPdc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; BPdc around each of first 2 sts, *FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from *

across—10 BPdc, 8 FPdc

Rows 4–11 Repeat last two rows 4 times.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm by 3.25"/8.5cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

adjustable ring method See Resources, pg 66.

AQUA AND WHITE BIB

Cupcake

With A, ch 36.

Row 1 (WS) Working in back bars only, dc in 4th ch from hook and each ch across—34 dc.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn; FPdc around each of first 2 sts, *BPdc around each of next 2 sts, FPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—18 FPdc, 16 BPdc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; BPdc around each of first 2 sts, *FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—18 BPdc, 16 FPdc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; FPdc around each of first 2 sts, *BPdc around next st, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, FPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—18 FPdc, 20 BPdc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; BPdc around each of first 2 sts, *FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, FPdc around each of next 3 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—18 BPdc, 20 FPdc.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; FPdc around each of first 2 sts, *BPdc around each of next 3 sts, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around next st, 2 BPdc around next st, FPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—18 FPdc, 24 BPdc.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; BPdc around each of first 2 sts, *FPdc around each of next 3 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts; repeat from * across—18 BPdc, 24 FPdc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; FPdc around each of first 2 sts, *BPdc around each of next 3 sts,

FPdc around each of next 2 sts, repeat from * across—18 FPdc, 24 BPdc.

Rows 9 and 10 Repeat Rows 7 and 8. Fasten off.

Frosting

With B, make an adjustable ring.

Row 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 6 dc in ring—7 dc.

Row 2 (WS) Ch 3, turn; do not sk first st (here and throughout), dc in first st, 2 dc in each st across—14 dc.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in first 2 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * across—21 dc.

Row 4 Ch 3, turn; dc in first 3 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; repeat from * across—28 dc.

Row 5 Ch 3, turn; dc in first 4 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * across—35 dc.

Row 6 Ch 3, turn; dc in first 5 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts; repeat from * across—42 dc.

Note Begin working in rounds.

Round 7 (RS) Ch 3, turn; dc in first 6 sts, *2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts; repeat from * across, ch 1, turn to work across straight edge, work 35 sc evenly across edge, ch 1, join with sl st in top of beg ch—49 dc, 35 sc.

Round 8 (RS) Ch 1, do not turn; sc in each of first 49 dc, sl st in FL of first sc, [sk next sc, 5 dc in FL of next sc (shell made), sk next sc, sl st in FL of next 2 sc] 6 times, sk next sc, 5 dc in FL of next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc and join with sl st in top of beg sc—7 shells. Fasten off.

Strap

With MC, ch 4.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—3 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Rows 3–54 Repeat Row 2.

Row 55 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, ch 1, sk next sc [buttonhole made], sc in next st—2 sc, one ch-1 buttonhole.

Rows 56 and 57 Repeat Row 2—3 sc.

Rows 58–60 Repeat Rows 55–57.

Row 61 Repeat Row 55.

Row 62 Repeat Row 2.

Row 63 Ch 1, sk first sc, 2 sc in next sc, ch 1, sl st in last sc.

Fasten off.

PINK AND LAVENDER BIB

Work same as Bib 1, except work Cupcake and Strap in D and Frosting in E.

CHERRY

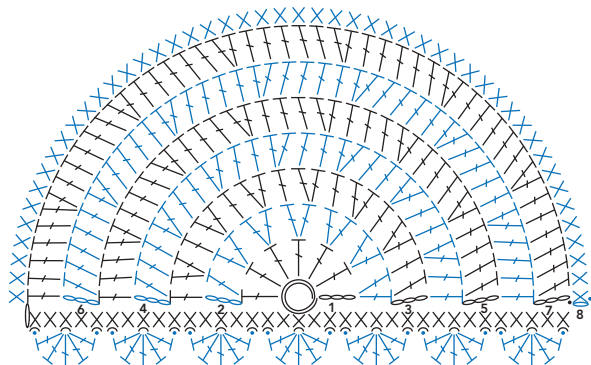
With C, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3, 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch—12 dc. Fasten off.

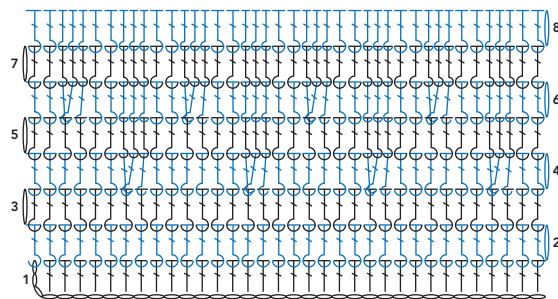
FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Using back of Frosting Round 8 as a seam guideline, use B (E) to whipstitch Frosting to Cupcake. Sew Cherry to top of Cupcake. Use B (E) to whipstitch short, non-buttonhole end of Strap in place about six sts to the right of Cherry. Sew button to back of Frosting about 6 sts to left of Cherry. 🌸



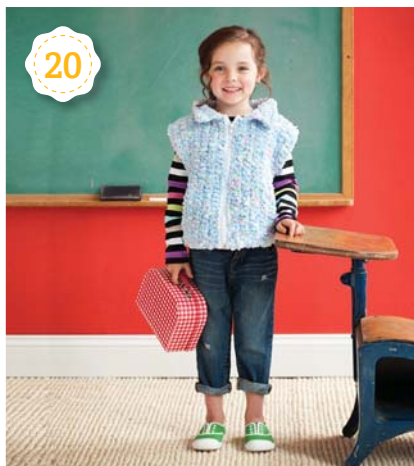
CUPCAKE



FROSTING

Playing Dress Up

Make something cozy and colorful for kids, babies, and babies on the way. Moms will love that these projects are made with washable yarns—perfect for those inevitable playtime and mealtime spills. ❖❖❖



It's a Girl! Set

What a sweet heirloom: Gift this precious, yet easy-care baby outfit to the next lucky newborn on your list.

BY CRISTINA MERSHON

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART LusterSheen, 3.5 oz/100g balls, each approx 307yd/281m (acrylic)
• 2 balls #007 Vanilla

CROCHET HOOK

• Size D/3 (3.25mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

CROCHET HOOK

• 3 buttons, .25"/6mm diameter OR
1 yard ribbon, .25"–1"/6–25mm wide
• Stitch markers
• Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

LusterSheen in Vanilla



SIZES

Jacket 0–3 months (6–12 months)

Hat 0–9 months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 16.5 (18)/42 (45.5)cm

Length 9 (11)/23 (28)cm

Hat Circumference 14"/35.5cm, hat stretches to fit

GAUGE

22 sts = 4"/10cm and 14 rows = 4.75"/12cm in yoke pattern

2 (9-dc) fans = 3"/7.5cm and 12 rows = 4"/10cm in body pattern.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 23.

Row 1 (WS) Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—22 sc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc BL in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each st across.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Rows 5–14 Repeat last 2 rows 5 times.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4.75"/10 x 12cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Yoke is worked from the neck down to underarm. At the underarm, sts are skipped to form armholes, and the body is worked from underarms down to lower edge.

2 Markers are used to indicate increase locations for shaping the yoke.

3 Jacket can be made with or without sleeves, and closed with a ribbon tie or with buttons. Sleeves are worked directly into the armholes, down to the wrist edge.

4 One front of jacket is wider than the other front, creating an asymmetrical front opening.

JACKET

Yoke

Ch 52.

Row 1 (RS) Dc in fourth ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in next 5 ch, 3 dc in next ch, place a marker in the center dc of the 3-dc group just made (for front), dc in next 5 ch, 3 dc in next ch, place a marker in the center dc of the 3-dc group just made (for sleeve) dc in next 14 ch, 3 dc in next ch, place a marker in the center dc of the 3-dc group just made (for back), dc in next 5 ch, 3 dc in next ch, place a marker in the center dc of the 3-dc

group just made (for other sleeve), dc in last 15 ch (for other front)—58 dc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; [sc FL in each st to next marked st, 3 sc FL in marked st, move marker to center st of 3-sc group just made] 4 times, sc FL in each st across—66 sts.

Row 3 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn; [dc BL in each st to next marked st, 3 dc BL in marked st, move marker to center st of 3-dc group just made] 4 times, dc BL in each st across—74 sts.

Rows 4–9 (11) Repeat last 2 rows 3 (4) times—122 (138) sts.

Form Armholes

Row 10 (12) Ch 1, turn; sc FL in each st to first marked st, sc FL in marked st, ch 7, sk all sts across to next marked st (for Armhole), sc FL in marked st, sc FL in each st to next marked st, sc FL in marked st, ch 7, sk all sts across to last marked st (for Armhole), sc FL in marked st, sc FL in each st across—76 (84) sts and 2 ch-7 armhole sps.

Body

Work Row 11 (13) in each st and ch of Row 10 (12). Do not work into the skipped sts of Row 9 (11).

Row 11 (13) (RS) Ch 3, turn; 4 dc in next st (half fan made), sk next 3 (2) sts, sc in next st, *sk next 3 (2) sts, 9 dc in next st (fan made), sk next 3 (2) sts, sc in next st; repeat from * across to last 4 (3) sts, sk next 3 (2) sts, 5 dc in last st (half fan made)—10 (15) fans and one half fan at each end.

Row 12 (14) Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, *ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across—11 (16) (dc, ch 2, dc) groups.

Row 13 (15) Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next ch-2 sp,

*Make just
one piece or
the whole set
for the perfect
shower gift.*



sc in next sc; repeat from * across—11 (16) fans.

Row 14 (16) Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), turn; dc in first st, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc, *ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * across to last 4 dc, ch 2, sk last 4 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in last sc.

Row 15 (17) Ch 3, turn; 4 dc in first ch-sp, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, *sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last ch-2 sp, sk last ch-2 sp, 4 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Rows 16 (18)–23 (29) Repeat last 4 rows 2 (3) times.

Rows 24 (30) and 25 (31) Repeat Rows 12 (14) and 13 (15).

Do not fasten off.

Edging

Row 1 (RS) Ch 1, do not turn; working in ends of rows across side edge, work sc evenly spaced up edge, around neck edge, and down other side edge.

Row 2 Ch 1, do not turn; working in opposite direction, sk first sc, rev sc in each sc across edging.

Fasten off.

SLEEVE

(Make 2—optional)

Work Round 1 in each of the ch-7 armhole chains and the skipped sts of Row 9, working over a total of 30 (34) sts around each Armhole.

Round 1 With RS facing and beginning across opposite side of one of the armhole chains, join yarn with sc in first ch closest to back of jacket, sk next 2 ch, 9 dc in next ch, sk next 2 ch, sc in last ch of Armhole; working over skipped sts of Row 9 (11), sk next 2 (3) sts, 9 dc in next st, sk next 2 (3) sts, [sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 9 dc in next st, sk next 2 (3) sts, 9 dc in next st, sk last 2 (3) sts; join with sl st in first sc—5 fans.

Round 2 Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same st as join, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc, *ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * around to last 4 dc, ch 2, sk last 4 dc; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 3 (Sl st, ch 3, 4 dc) in first ch-sp, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, *sk next ch-2 sp, 9

dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last ch-2 sp, sk last ch-2 sp, 4 dc in first ch-sp again; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 4 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, *ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc; repeat from * around to last 4 dc, ch 2, sk last 4 dc; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp, *sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * around to last ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 6–13 Repeat last 4 rounds 2 times. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Ribbon Tie

Thread ribbon in and out through sts of last dc row before Armholes are formed.

Tie ends of ribbon in a bow at front.

Button Closure

Sew 3 buttons evenly spaced across left front edge of top solid section. Use spaces between stitches of right front for buttonholes. Weave in ends.

HAT

Ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form ring.

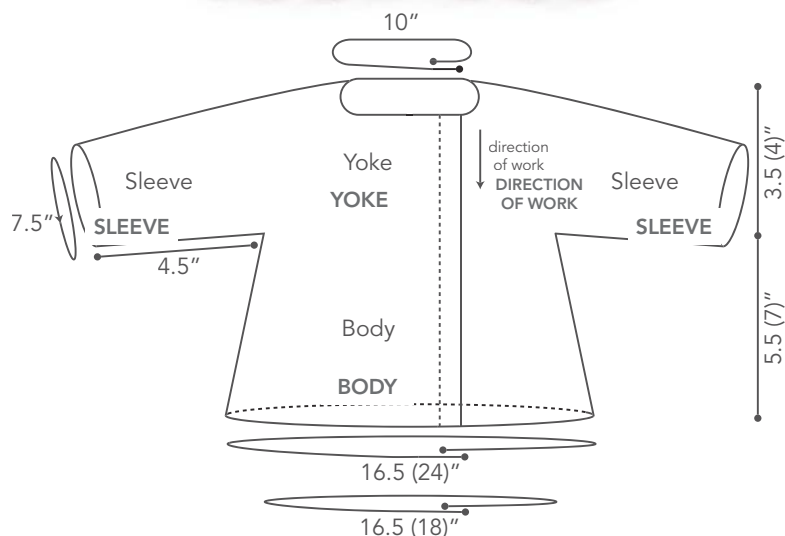
Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 17 dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—18 dc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 dc in next dc, [sc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc] 8 times—36 sts. Join with sl st to previous rnd.

Round 3 Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in same st as join, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, *ch 1, sk next dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc repeat from * around to last dc, ch 1, sk last dc; join with sl st in third



Jacket





ch of beginning ch—9 (dc, ch 2, dc) groups.

Round 4 (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc) in first ch-sp, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc, *sk next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last ch-1 sp, sk last ch-1 sp, 2 dc in first ch-sp again; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—9 5-dc groups.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 1, sk next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, *ch 1, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc; repeat from * around to last 2 dc, ch 1, sk last 2 dc; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next ch-1 sp, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, *sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc, sk next ch-1 sp, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * around to last ch-1 sp, sk last ch-1 sp; join with sl st in first sc—9 (7-dc) groups.

Round 7 Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same st as join, ch 2, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, *ch 2, sk next 3 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, ch 2, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * around to last 3 dc, ch 2, sk last 3 dc; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch.

Round 8 (Sl st, ch 3, 4 dc) in first ch-sp, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, *sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * around to last ch-2 sp, sk last ch-2 sp, 4 dc in first ch-sp again; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—9 (9-dc) fans.

Round 9 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, *ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc; repeat from * around to last 4 dc, ch 2, sk last 4 dc; join with sl st in first sc.

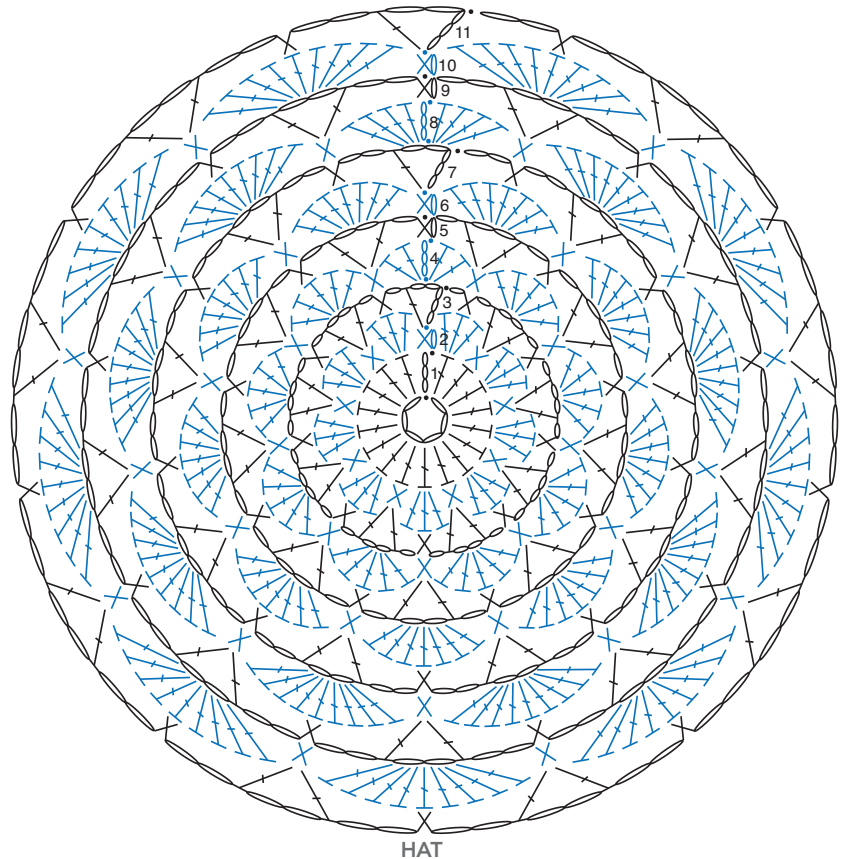
Round 10 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp, *sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, sk next ch-2 sp, 9 dc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * around to last ch-2 sp, sk last ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 11 Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in same st as join, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc, *ch 2, sk next 4 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next sc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * around to last 4 dc, ch 2, sk last 4 dc; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch.

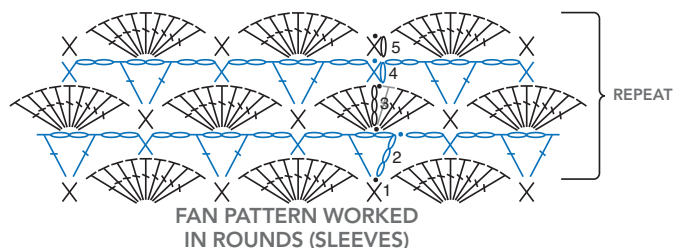
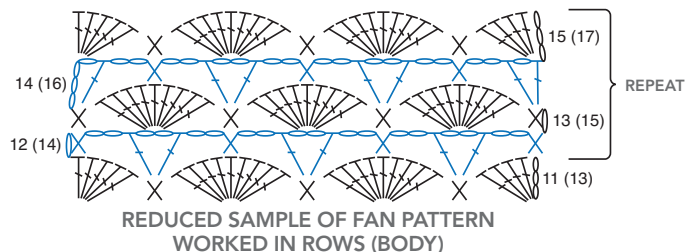
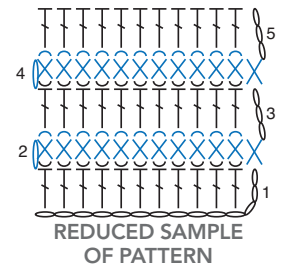
Rounds 12–15 Repeat Rounds 8–11

Rounds 16–18 Repeat Rounds 8–10.

Fasten off and weave in ends. ☀



Tip Babies tend to grow taller rather than wider, so for bigger sizes, check the baby's measurements and work additional rounds of the 9-dc fan pattern.



Clown Car Vest

Unlike a tiny, clown-packed car, this vest is the perfect fit for your little jokester. Kids will love the colorful cruiser; parents will love the polished look.

BY SHARON MANN



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART With Wool, 3.5oz/100g balls, each approx 146yd/134m (80% acrylic, 20% wool)

- 1 (2, 2, 2) balls #799 Nickel (A)
- 1 ball #500 Tropical (B)
- 1 ball #623 Cactus (C)
- 1 ball #900 Cupid (D)
- 1 ball #201 Daisy (E)
- 1 ball #12 Jet (F)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn

With Wool in Tropical



SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

join with sc Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

SIZES

1 year (2 years, 3 years, 4–5 years)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 23 (24, 25, 27)"/58.5 (61, 63.5, 68.5)cm

Length 11 (12, 13, 14.5)"/28 (30.5, 33, 37)cm

GAUGE

16 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern st.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—16 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 7 times, sc in last sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.

Rows 4–17 Repeat last 2 rows 7 times.

Row 18 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Fasten off old color. Proceed with new color.

BACK

Ribbing

With B, ch 9 (9, 11, 11).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—8 (8, 10, 10) sc.

Row 2 Sc in 1st st, sc through the back loop in across, sc in last st; turn.

Note In following rows, work under both loops of the first and last sc (for stability) and into back loops only of the remaining stitches.

Rows 3–44 (46, 48, 52) Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, sc in BL of each sc across to last sc, sc in last sc.

Fasten off.

Body

Row 1 (RS) Working across one long edge of ribbing, join A with sc in end of first row, sc in end of each row across long edge—44 (46, 48, 52) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last sc, sc in last sc—23 (24, 25, 27) sc and 21 (22, 23, 25) ch-1 sps.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—46 (48, 50, 54) sc.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.

Rows 6–21 (23, 25, 29) Repeat last 2 rows 8 (9, 10, 12) times.

Fasten off.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 With WS facing, sk first 6 sc, join A with sc in next sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 7 sc, sc in next sc; leave remaining 6 sc unworked—18 (19, 20, 22) sc and 16 (17, 18, 20) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn, sk first sc, sc in next sc, sc in each ch-1 sp and sc across to last ch-1 sp, sk last ch-1 sp, sc in last sc—32 (34, 36, 40) sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last sc, sc in last sc—17 (18, 19, 21) sc and 15 (16, 17, 19) ch-1 sps.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2—30 (32, 34, 38) sts.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3—16 (17, 18, 20) sc and 14 (15, 16, 18) ch-1 sps.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.

Rows 7–16 (18, 18, 20) Repeat last 2 rows 5 (6, 6, 7) times.



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Shape First Shoulder

Row 1 (WS) Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next sc; leave remaining sts unworked for neck and second shoulder—5 sc and 3 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in last sc.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder

Row 1 With WS facing, sk next 14 (16, 18, 22) unworked sc following first shoulder, join A with sc in next sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in last sc—5 sc and 3 ch-1 sps.

Rows 2–4 Work same as Rows 2–4 of first shoulder. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work same as back to armhole shaping.

Shape Armhole

Work same as back through Row 6 (8, 8, 10)—30 (32, 34, 38) sc.

Shape First Shoulder

Row 1 (WS) Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 5 times, sc in next sc; leave remaining sts unworked—7 sc and 5 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sk first sc, sc in each ch-1 sp and sc across—11 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—6 sc and 5 ch-1 sps.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2—10 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last sc, sc in last sc—6 sc and 4 ch-1 sps.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2—9 sc.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3—5 sc and 4 ch-1 sps.

Row 8 Repeat Row 2—8 sc.

Row 9 Repeat Row 5—5 sc and 3 ch-1 sps.

Row 10 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.

Row 11 Repeat Row 5.

Rows 12–15 Repeat Rows 10 and 11 twice. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder

Row 1 With WS facing, sk next 6 (8, 10, 14) unworked sc following first shoulder, join A with

sc in next sc, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 5 times, sc in last sc—7 sc and 5 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 1, turn, sc in each ch-1 sp and sc across to last ch-1 sp, sk last ch-1 sp, sc in last sc—11 sc.

Rows 3–15 Work same as Rows 3–15 of first shoulder, using Row 2 of 2nd shoulder whenever instructed to repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

CAR APPLIQUÉ

Body

Beginning at front of car, with C, ch 10.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across—9 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across; change to D in last sc.

Rows 3–19 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Underbody

With RS facing, join B with sc in one corner of body, to work in ends of rows across long edge. sc evenly spaced across long edge. Fasten off.

Top

With D, ch 7.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—6 sc.

Rows 2–10 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Window

With E, ch 5.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—4 sc.

Rows 2–5 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Wheels (Make 2)

With E, ch 2.

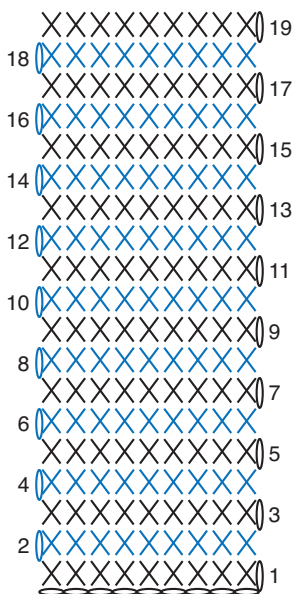
Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; change to C in last sc—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc; change to F in last sc—12 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—18 sc. Fasten off.

Circle Decorations

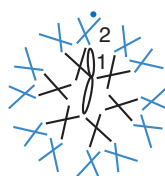
Small (Make 3: One each with B, C, and E)
Ch 2.



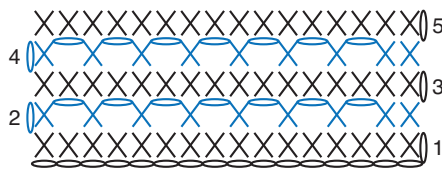
CAR BODY



SMALL
CIRCLE



LARGE
CIRCLE



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN



Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc—6 sc.

Fasten off.

Large

With E, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; change to B in last sc—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Assemble Car Appliqué

Using photo as a guide, place long edges of car body and car top together, centering top over car body, and sew together. Sew window centered on car top. With F, embroider a straight st border around the window. Sew wheels to the bottom of the car. Using E-colored small circle for headlight, sew small and large circle decorations on car. Weave in loose ends and sew car, centered above ribbing, on front of Vest.

Sew shoulder seams. Sew side seams.

Neck Ribbing

Round 1 With WS facing, join B with sc in one shoulder seam, sc evenly spaced all the way around neck edge, ensuring that an odd number of sc are worked; join with sl st in first sc.



Tip Make another car appliqué to sew on a bag, a pillow, or on coordinating pants to wear with the vest.

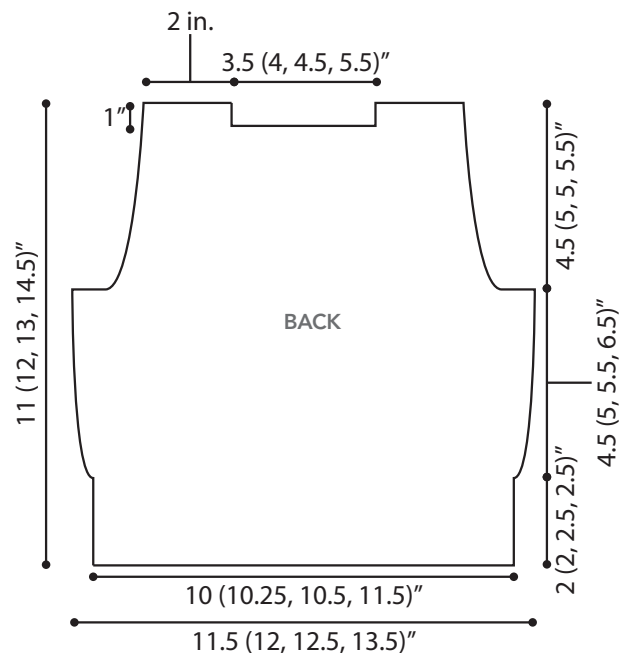
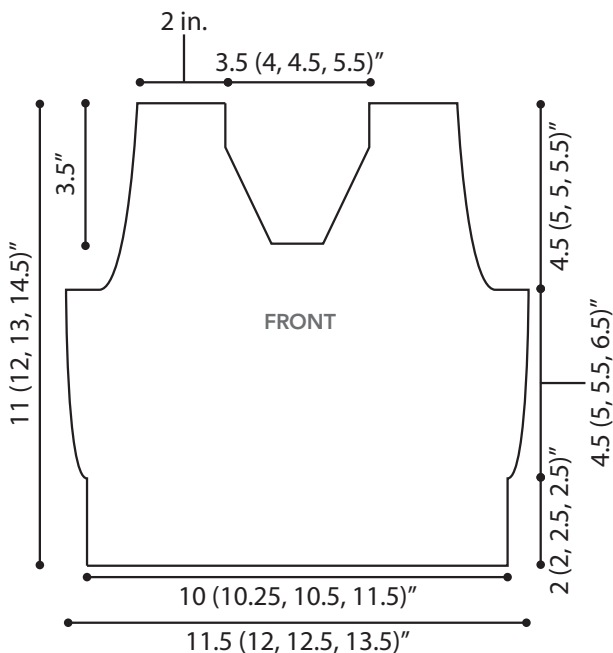
Round 2 (right side) Ch 3 (does not count as st), turn, dc in same sc as join, *FPdc around next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Armhole Ribbing

Round 1 With WS facing, join B with sc in underarm seam, sc evenly spaced all the way

around armhole edge, ensuring that an odd number of sc are worked; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 (RS) Work same as Round 2 of neck ribbing. Fasten off.
Weave in ends. 🌀



Giraffe Hat

Welcome to the jungle, where even the tiniest tots will stand tall.

BY MONICA RODRIGUEZ FUERTES



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #9114 Honey (A)
 - 1 ball #4608 Wine (B)
- For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

① ② ③ ④

the yarn  4

Soft in Wine



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference Approx 15"/38cm. Hat stretches to fit a range of sizes.

Height Approx 8.5"/21.5 cm (including earflaps)

GAUGE

14 sts and 12 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Work Rounds 1–9 of Hat.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm diameter. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

rev sc (reverse single crochet)

Working left to right, insert hook in next stitch to the right, complete as sc.

NOTES

1 Hat is worked in a continuous spiral, beginning at top.

2 The WS of stitches are used as the RS of the Hat, for texture.



3 Earflaps are worked directly onto lower edge of Hat.

4 Giraffe ears and horns are worked separately and sewn to Hat sides and top.

5 Work in the back loop (BL) only throughout.

6 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Fasten off old color.

HAT

Beginning at top of Hat with A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, 2 sc in same ch as join, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sc in last ch; do not join, work in a continuous spiral—6 sc.

Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Note Work in BL only throughout.

Round 2 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times—9 sc.

Round 3 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 4 times, 2 sc in last sc—14 sc.

Round 4 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 7 times—21 sc.

Round 5 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 7 times—28 sc.

Round 6 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] 4 times—32 sc.

Round 7 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc] 4 times—36 sc.

Round 8 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc] 4 times—40 sc.

Round 9 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 12 sc] 3 times, sc in last sc—43 sc.

Round 10 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc] 4 times, sc in last 3 sc—47 sc.

Round 11 Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 22 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 23 sc—49 sc.

Round 12 Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 23 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 24 sc—51 sc.

Round 13 Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 24 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 25 sc—53 sc.

Rounds 14–26 Sc in each sc around. Do not fasten off.



Tip To add even more personality, use large safety eyes or embroider eyes onto the hat.

First Earflap

Row 1 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 9 sc; leave remaining sts unworked—9 sc.

Rows 2–8 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across—2 sc at the end of Row 8. Fasten off.

Second Earflap

Row 1 Sk next 11 unworked sc following first earflap (for back of Hat), join A with sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc.

Rows 2–8 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across—2 sc at the end of Row 8. Fasten off.

Ears (Make 2)

Beginning at top of Ear with A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rounds 1–4 Work same as Rounds 1–4 of hat—21 sc.

Round 5 Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 9 sc—23 sc.

Rounds 6–9 Sc in each sc around.

Round 10 Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sc,

sc2tog, sc in last 9 sc—21 sc.

Rounds 11 and 12 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Turn Hat and Ears inside out, so that WS of stitches are facing out. Flatten Ears and sew one Ear to each side of Hat, with lower edge of Ear 14 rounds above lower edge of Hat.

Horns (Make 2)

Beginning at top of horn with B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rounds 1–3 Work same as Rounds 1–3 of hat—14 sc.

Round 4 Sc in each sc around; change to A in last st.

Round 5 With A, [sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times, sc in last 2 sc—11 sc.

Rounds 6–10 Sc in each sc around. Turn Horns inside out, so that WS of stitches are facing out. Sew Horns to top of Hat.

FINISHING

Edging

Draw up a loop of B in lower edge of Hat at center back, ch 1, rev sc evenly spaced all the way around the lower edge (including Earflap edges); join with sl st in beginning ch. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Ties

Cut six lengths of B, each about 30"/76cm long. Tie top of strands together with an overhand knot. Holding strands in three groups of two strands each, braid the strands and tie another overhand knot at the end to secure. Repeat for second braid. Sew one end of braid to tip of each Earflap. Cut six lengths of B, each about 5"/12.5cm long. Hold 6 strands together and fold in half. Tie center of folded strands to free end of a tie. Repeat for second tassel.

Tassels

Cut 20 strands of B, each about 5"/12.5cm long. Fold a strand in half. Insert hook around a stitch near the top of the hat, place fold on hook and draw fold through, forming a loop. Thread ends of strands through loop and pull to tighten. Repeat to attach all 20 strands to top of hat. ☀

Sporty Zip Vest

Super-soft yarn makes this basic vest an irresistible piece. With a zipper and pockets, it's sure to become a new school favorite.

BY ELLEN GORMLEY



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Buttercup, 1.76oz/50g balls, each approx 63yd/57m (polyester/polyamide)

- 3 (4, 4) balls #4276 Light Blue Multi
- For yarn substitutions, see pg. 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size N/15 (10mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 2 stitch markers (for collar shaping)
- Separating zipper—12, (14, 16)"/30 (35, 40) cm long
- Straight pins
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Buttercup in Light Blue Multi



Tip For a smaller or larger neck opening, sew shorter or longer shoulder seams before working the collar

SIZES

4 (6, 8) years

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 26 (28, 30)"/66 (71, 76)cm

Length 12 (14, 16)"/30 (35, 40)cm

GAUGE

8 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 9.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—8 sc.

Rows 2–8 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Tip Instead of fastening off after Row 8, continue through Row 16 and use your gauge swatch as a pocket.

Resulting gauge swatch (8 rows only) should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Pieces are worked vertically, from side to side. Each row runs between the neck/shoulder edge and the lower edge.

2 The collar is worked directly onto the neck edge, after the shoulders are seamed.

BACK

Ch 25 (29, 33).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—24 (28, 32) sc.

Rows 2–26 (28, 30) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Fasten off, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail for sewing a shoulder seam.

LEFT FRONT

Ch 25 (29, 33).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—24 (28, 32) sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Create Opening for Pocket

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 12 (16, 20) sc, ch 8, sk next 8 sc, sc in last 4 sc—16 (20, 24) sc, and 1 ch-8 sp.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc, 8 sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in last 12 (16, 20) sc—24 (28, 32) sc.

Rows 5–13 (14, 15) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Ch 25 (29, 33).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—24 (28, 32) sc.

Rows 2–10 (11, 12) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Create Opening for Pocket

Row 11 (12, 13) Ch 1, turn; sc in first 12 (16, 20) sc, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, sc in last 4 sc—16 (20, 24) sc, and 1 ch-8 sp.

Row 12 (13, 14) Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc, 8 sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in last 12 (16, 20) sc—24 (28, 32) sc.

Rows 13 (14, 15) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

POCKET (MAKE 2)

Ch 9.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—8 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Do not fasten off. Fold piece in half, bringing Row 1 up to meet Row 16, and match the stitches in these rows.

Joining Row Ch 1, turn; working through both thicknesses, sc in each sc across; rotate piece to work across side edge; working through both thicknesses, sc evenly spaced to the fold.

Note Other side is left un-joined for top edge of pocket. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Insert Pockets

With WS of one front facing, place pocket on RS of vest with top edge of pocket coming through the ch-8 sp. With yarn and yarn needle, whipstitch all the way around the top edge of pocket, sewing pocket into the pocket opening on front. When sewing is complete, push pocket to the WS. Repeat to insert pocket in other front.

Assembly

With yarn needle, and wrong sides of back and front held together, whipstitch the shoulder seams for 3"/7.5cm from each side edge. Whipstitch the side seams, beginning at the lower edge and seaming 7 (8½, 10½)"/18 (21.5, 26.5) cm, leaving 5 (5½, 5½)"/12.5 (14, 14) cm open for armhole.

Collar

With RS facing, join yarn with sc in front edge at neck, to work around neck edge.

Row 1 Sc evenly spaced across front neck edge, place marker, sc evenly spaced across back neck edge, place marker, sc evenly spaced across other front neck edge.

Rows 2–4 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn; hdc in first st (increase made), hdc in each st to marker, hdc in marked st, sc in each st across to next marker, hdc in marked st, hdc in each st to last st, 2 hdc in last st (increase made). Fasten off. Fold down collar.

Armhole Edging

With RS facing, join yarn with sc in underarm seam, ch 1, rev sc in each st around; join with sl st in beginning ch-1. Fasten off. Repeat around other armhole.

Lower Edging

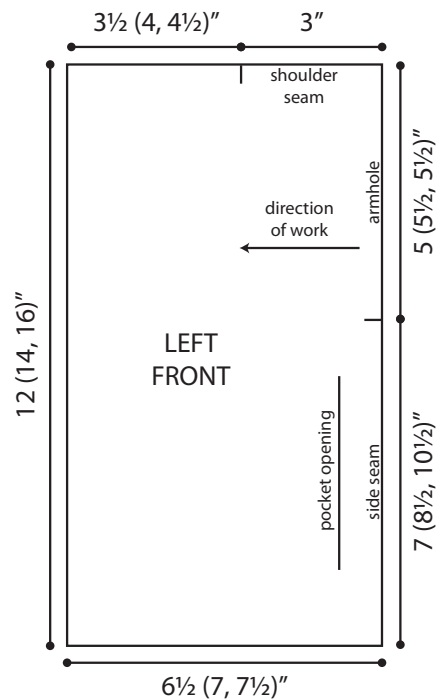
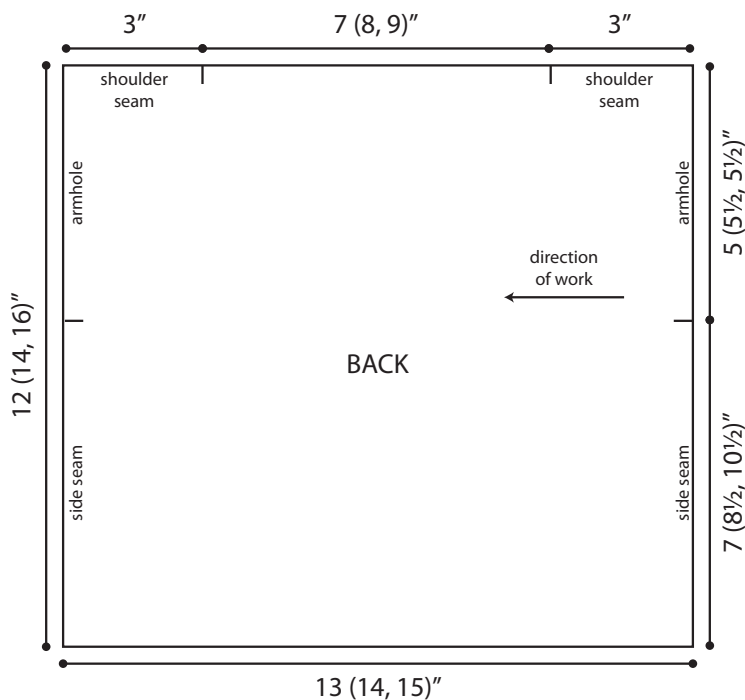
With RS facing, join yarn with sc in lower front corner, to work rev sc across lower edge, rev sc evenly spaced all the way across lower edge. Fasten off.

Insert Zipper

Keeping the zipper closed, pin it in place along right and left front edges. Open and separate the zipper. With sewing needle and matching thread, sew the zipper in place. Remove pins. Weave in all ends. 🌀

try this!

Work this vest in another color, like #4274 Petal Pink Multi or #4273 Light Yellow Multi.



Daisy Cocoon and Hat

Keep your little bug snug in this cozy cocoon and sweet petal bonnet—great for sleepy newborns.

BY SANDY POWERS

TEST PATTERN BY KAREN WEIR



Tip To make a larger cocoon, work more sc in rows, as desired, and work more rows in multiples of 4.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #9505 Aqua (A)
- 1 ball #9200 Baby Yellow (B)
- 1 ball #9600 White (C)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5.00mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size G/6 (4.00mm) crochet hook
- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY



the yarn

Soft Baby Steps in Baby Yellow



SIZE

0–3 months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Cocoon Approx 18.25"/46.5cm circumference x 17"/43cm long

Hat Approx 11" around front of hat/face

GAUGE

With H hook, working in back loops, 13 sc and 16 sc rows = 4"/10cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

small shell Work (sc, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, sc) in indicated st.

large shell Work (sc, ch 4, 2 dtr, ch 4, sc) in indicated st.

tr (treble crochet) Yarn over 2 times, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a

loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With H hook, ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch—13 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

COCOON

With H hook and A, ch 56.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—55 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of first 50 sc, leaving last 5 sc unworked for bottom edge—50 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across, sc in back loop of 5 skipped sc 3 rows below—55 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across.

Rows 6–73 Repeat Rows 2–5, 17 more times. Do not fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Fold cocoon in half with RS together and Rows 1 and 73 aligned, ch 1, turn; working through both thicknesses in sc on last row and in free loops of foundation chs, sc in each st across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave tail through edge of stitches on bottom edge of Cocoon and pull tail tight like a drawstring. Weave tail through stitches again and secure tail. Turn Cocoon right side out.

Edging

Round 1 With RS facing and H hook, join A with sl st in top edge of row after seam at back of cocoon, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in top edge of each remaining row around; join with sl st in first sc—73 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next 2 sc; *sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—59 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in back loop of same st as joining, sc in back loop of each st around;

join with sl st in first sc—60 sc. Fasten off.

Round 4 With WS facing and H hook, join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each remaining sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 5 With WS facing and H hook, join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next sc; *small shell in next sc*; sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; sc in last sc; join with sl st in first sc—15 small shells.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining; *skip next sc, working in next shell, sl st in first sc, 2 sc in next ch-3 sp, (sc, hdc) in next dc, (hdc, sc) in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-3 sp, sl st in last sc; skip next sc*; sc in next sc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Leaf (Make 2)

With G hook and A, ch 15.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch; working in free loops on opposite side of chs, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs; join with sl st in first sc—29 sts.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next sc, hdc in next 2 hdc, dc in next 2 dc, tr in next tr, dc in next 2 dc, hdc in next 2 hdc, sc in next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, hdc in next 2 hdc, dc in next 2 dc, tr in next tr, dc in next 2 dc, hdc in next 2 hdc, sc in next 2 sc; join with sl st in first sc—31 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Using photo for placement, sew one leaf on each edge of Cocoon with RS of leaves facing and seam at back of Cocoon.

HAT

With H hook and A, ch 22.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—21 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of first 18 sc, leaving last 3 sc unworked for back of hat—18 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across, sc in back loop of 3 skipped sc 3 rows



below—21 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of each sc across.

Rows 6–41 Repeat Rows 2–5, 9 more times. Do not fasten off.

Edging

Row 1 Ch 1, pivot piece to work across edge of rows on front of hat, sc in edge of each row across—41 sc.

Assembly

Pivot piece to work in free loops on opposite side of foundation ch, sl st in first 10 chs. Fold hat in half with RS together and Rows 1 and 41 aligned, working through both thicknesses in sc on last row and in free loops of foundation chs (skipping first 10 sc on last row to correspond to 10 sl sts worked in foundation chs), sc in next 11 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Weave tail through edge of stitches on back edge of Hat and pull tail tight like a draw-

string. Weave tail through stitches again and secure tail. Turn Hat right side out.

Edging Continued

Row 2 With RS facing and H hook, join B with sl st in first sc on Row 1 of Edging, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each remaining sc across, ch 41 (for tie), sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch—41 sc and 1 tie.

Row 3 Turn; sc in back loop of each sc across, ch 41 (for tie), sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch, sl st in next sc—41 sc and 1 tie. Fasten off.

Row 4 With WS facing and F hook, join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining; *large shell in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * across—10 large shells. Fasten off.

Row 5 With WS facing and F hook, join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining; *working in next shell, sl st in first sc, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, (sc, hdc) in next dtr, (hdc, sc) in next dtr, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, sl

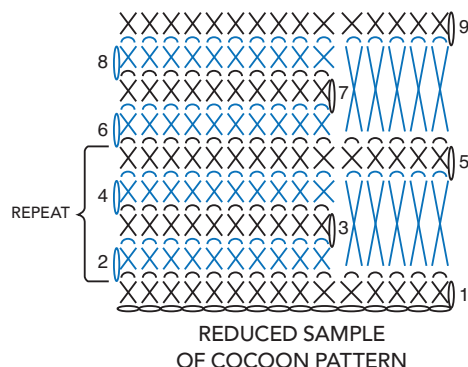
st in last sc**; skip next sc, sc in next sc, skip next sc; repeat from * across, ending last repeat at **; skip next sc, sc in last 2 sc. Fasten off.

Row 6 With WS facing and F hook, working in free loops of sc on Row 2 of Edging, join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next 2 sc; *small shell in next sc**; sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * across, ending last repeat at **; sc in last sc—10 small shells. Fasten off.

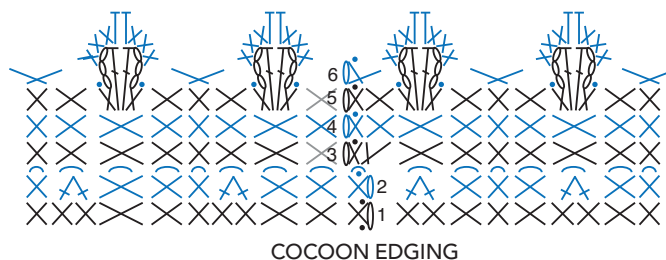
Row 7 With WS facing and F hook, join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in next sc, skip next sc; *working in next shell, sl st in first sc, 2 sc in next ch-3 sp, (sc, hdc) in next dc, (hdc, sc) in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-3 sp, sl st in last sc**; skip next sc, sc in next sc, skip next sc; repeat from * across, ending last repeat at **; sc in last sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

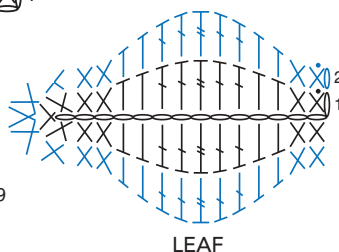
Weave in ends.



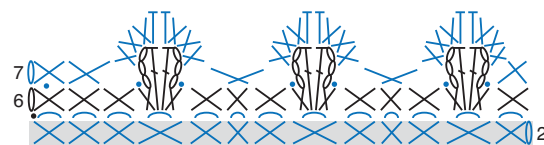
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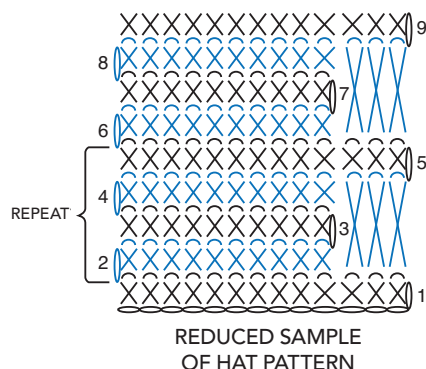
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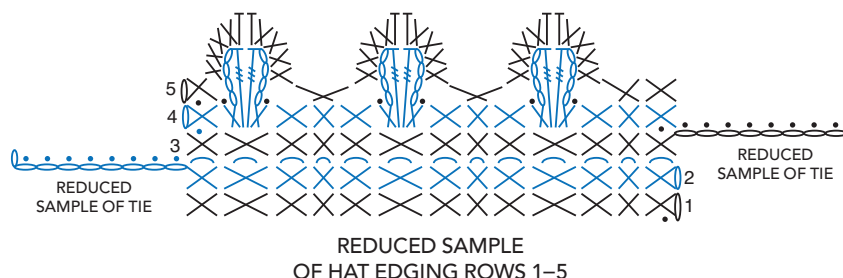
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REDUCED SAMPLE
OF HAT EDGING ROWS 6-7



REDUCED SAMPLE
OF HAT PATTERN



REDUCED SAMPLE
OF HAT EDGING ROWS 1-5



Red Riding Hood Cape

She'll be warm and cozy on the way to Grandma's house in this adorable hooded cape.

BY SHARON MANN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART With Love, 7oz/198g balls, each approx 370yd/338m (100% acrylic)

- 3 (3, 4) balls #1909 Holly Berry

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 2–2.5"/5–6cm piece of cardboard (for tassels)
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

the yarn 4

With Love in Holly Berry





SIZES

2–3 years (4–6 years, 8–10 years)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

To Fit Chest 23 (25, 28)"/58.5 (63.5, 71)cm

Length 12.5 (15.5, 19)"/32 (39.5, 48.5)cm

GAUGE

16 sts and 12 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch across—16 sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Rows 5–12 Repeat last 2 rows 4 times.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Cape is worked in one piece, from neck edge down.

2 Hood is worked in two pieces, right side and left side, from neck edge up. The first row of each side of Hood is worked into the opposite side of the Cape foundation chain.

CAPE

Beginning at neck edge, ch 61 (65, 73).

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch across—60 (64, 72) sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, [sc in next 7 (8, 9) sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st—68 (72, 80) sts.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, [sc in next 9 (9, 10) sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st—76 (80, 88) sts.

Rows 8–10 Repeat Rows 4–6.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, [sc in next 6 (6, 7) sts, 2 sc in next st] 10 times, sc in

each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st—88 (92, 100) sts.

Rows 12–27 Repeat Rows 8–11 four times—136 (140, 148) sts.

Rows 28–30 Repeat Rows 4–6.

Row 31 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, [sc in next 9 (10, 10), 2 sc in next st] 12 times, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st—150 (154, 162) sts.

Rows 32–37 (47, 57) Repeat Rows 4 and 5, 3 (8, 13) times.

Lower Edge Trim

Row 38 (48, 58) Ch 2 (counts as first dc), turn, dc in next st, *sk next st, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 39 (49, 59) Ch 2, turn, dc in first st, 2 dc in next st, *sk next st, 2 dc in next st; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

HOOD

Right Side

Row 1 With RS facing, and working across opposite side of foundation ch of Cape, sk first 8 ch, join yarn with sc in next ch, sc in next 21 (23, 27) ch, turn; leave remaining ch unworked for left side of hood—22 (24, 28) sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st—23 (25, 29) sts.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, *dc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3—24 (26, 30) sts.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [sc in next 7 (8, 9), 2 sc in next sc] 2 times, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—27 (29, 33) sts.

Rows 8 and 9 Repeat Rows 4 and 5—28 (30, 34) sts.

Rows 10–12 Repeat Rows 2–4—29 (31, 35) sts.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [sc in next 9 (9, 11), 2 sc in next sc] 2 times, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—32 (34, 38) sts.

Row 14 Repeat Row 2.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 16 and 17 Repeat Rows 14 and 15.

Row 18 Repeat Row 14.

Row 19 Repeat Row 3—33 (35, 39) sts.

Tip Buy extra yarn now, then keep adding rows to the bottom of the cape as she grows over the years.

Rows 20–33 (35, 37) Repeat Rows 14 and 15, 7 (8, 9) times.

Fasten off.

Left Side

Row 1 With RS facing, and working across opposite side of foundation ch of Cape, join yarn with sc in first unworked ch following right side of hood, sc in next 21 (23, 27) sts, turn; leave remaining 8 sts unworked—22 (24, 28) sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across—23 (25, 29) sts.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, *dc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3—24 (26, 30) sts.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [sc in next 7 (8, 9), 2 sc in next sc] 2 times, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—27 (29, 33) sts.

Rows 8 and 9 Repeat Rows 4 and 5—28 (30, 34) sts.

Rows 10–12 Repeat Rows 2–4—29 (31, 35) sts.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, [sc in next 9 (9, 11), 2 sc in next sc] 2 times, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—32 (34, 38) sts.

Row 14 Repeat Row 2.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 16 and 17 Repeat Rows 14 and 15.

Row 18 Repeat Row 14.

Row 19 Repeat Row 3—33 (35, 39) sts.

Rows 20–33 (35, 37) Repeat Rows 14 and 15, 7 (8, 9) times.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

With RS facing, sew back and top seam of hood.

Edging

With RS facing, join yarn with sc in lower front corner of Cape to work across front

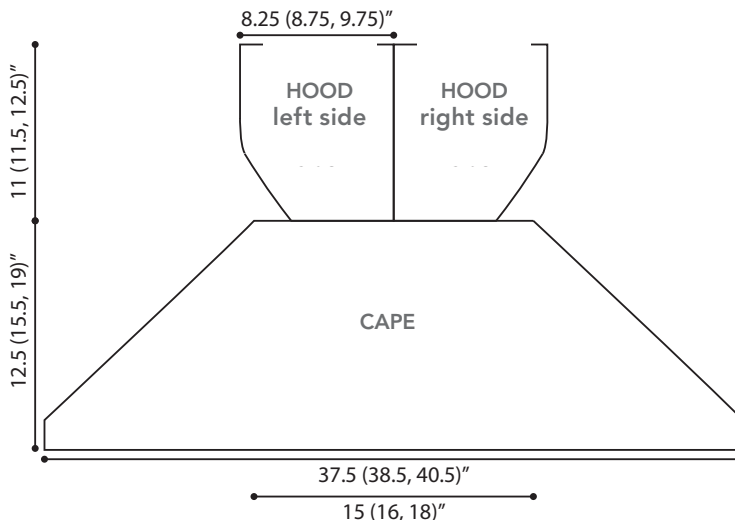
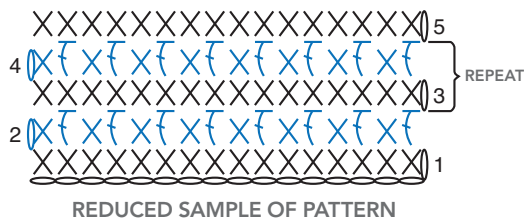
edge, sc evenly spaced up front edge, around front edge of Hood, and down other front edge. Fasten off.

Neck Tie

With two strands of yarn held together, work a 36"/91.5cm long chain. Fasten off. Weave tie through stitches of Row 2 of Cape.

Tassels (Make 2)

Wrap yarn around 2–2.5"/5–6cm piece of cardboard, approximately 30 times. Tie a 6"/15cm length of yarn around fold of wraps at top of cardboard (do not trim ends, use them later to attach tassel to neck tie). Cut yarn at lower end of cardboard. Wind another 6"/15cm length of yarn around wraps twice, approx 1"/2.5cm from top (to form tassel neck). Trim ends of tassels evenly. Use strands at top of tassel to securely attach one tassel to each end of neck tie. Weave in the ends. Block gently. 🌸



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Terrific Tees

Transform a plain T-shirt into something cheerful with these cute and colorful appliqués.

BY LINDA PERMANN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART LusterSheen, 3.5 oz/100g skeins, each approx 307 yd/281m (acrylic)

- **Bird** 1 skein each of #915 Cherry Red (B) and #251 Orange (C)
- **Flower Petals** 1 skein #007 Vanilla (D)
- **Flower Centers** 1 skein #251 Orange (G)
- **Ladybug** 1 skein each of #002 Black (H) and #915 Cherry Red (B)

RED HEART Baby Sheen, 3.5oz/100g, each approx 307 yd/281m (acrylic)

- **Bird** 1 skein #515 Turquoise (A)
 - **Flower Centers** 1 skein each of #600 Sunshine (E) and #700 Pink (F)
- For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle
- 3/16"/.5cm diameter black buttons (1 for each bird and 4 for each ladybug)
- Straight pins
- Sewing needle
- Coordinating sewing thread
- T-shirt in desired color

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

LusterSheen in Turquoise



GAUGE

Gauge is not critical.

BIRD

The Head, Body, and Wing are worked separately and sewn together with yarn tails. The Tail and Beak are worked directly onto the Bird.

Body

With A, ch 7.

Round 1 (RS) Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, 4 dc in last ch; working in opposite side of chs, tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in last ch—14 sts (including sl sts).
Join with sl st in first sl st.

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same sl st as joining, 2 dc in each of next 13 sts—28 dc. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Head

With A, ch 3.

Round 1 (RS) Work 9 dc in 3rd ch from hook. Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing.

Beak

With RS of Head facing and C, insert hook in 5th dc on head (for left-facing Bird) or in 3rd dc on head (for right-facing Bird) and draw up a lp, ch 1, dc in next dc. Fasten off.
Using end of yarn from Head, sew flat part of Head (beginning chs and last dc) to rounded part of Body (10th–12th dc on Round 2 of Body for left-facing Bird, or 17th–19th dc on Round 2 of Body for right-facing Bird).

Wing

With B, ch 7.

Round 1 Work same as Round 1 of body. Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing.

Tail

Row 1 With RS of Body facing, join B with sl st in first dc on Round 2 of Body (for left-facing Bird) or in next to last dc on Round 2 of Body (for right-facing Bird), ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st as joining, 2 dc in next st—4 dc. Ch 3 (counts as dc on next row), turn.
Row 2 Dc in next 3 sts—4 dc. Ch 1, turn.





Tip These appliqués look great on lots of items—try sewing them to a backpack, ball cap or jeans!





Row 3 Work (hdc, sl st) in first dc, (hdc, sl st) in each of next 2 dc, (hdc, sl st) in 3rd ch of turning ch-3 – 4 hdc and 4 sl sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Sew Wing to Body. Sew button to head for eye. Pin assembled Bird to shirt as shown in photo and stitch in place.

FLOWER

With desired color (E, F or G) for center of Flower, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS) Work 10 sc in 2nd ch from hook—10 sc. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2 With RS facing, join D with sl st in any sc, dc in same st as joining, (dc, sl st) in next st; *(sl st, dc) in next st, (dc, sl st) in next st; repeat from * 3 times more—5 petals made. Join with sl st in first sl st. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Pin flower to shirt as shown in photo and stitch in place.

LADYBUG

Body

With B, ch 4.

Row 1 Work 7 dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as first dc), changing to H in last dc; with H, 2 dc in same ch, changing to B in last dc—10 dc. Join with sl st in first skipped ch.

Row 2 With B, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in same st as joining, 2 hdc in each of next 7 sts, changing to H in last hdc; with H, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, changing to B in last hdc—20 hdc. Join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2.

Row 3 With B, ch 2, hdc in same ch as joining, hdc in next st; (2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st) 7 times, changing to H in last hdc; with H, (2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 2 times, changing to B in last dc—24 hdc and 6 dc. Join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2. Fasten off, leaving an 8"/20.5cm long end of H.

Black Line on Back

Working on back side of Body with yarn needle, weave black end to center of Body. Insert crochet hook from RS into center and pull up black lp. With black section at bottom, insert hook back into Body in red section directly above black section approx .25"/.6cm away and pull up another lp, pulling lp through lp on hook (surface ch made). Work approx 3 more surface chs across in a straight line up to edge of Body, splitting red section in half as shown in photo—4 or 5 surface chs. Fasten off.

Bead

With H, ch 3.

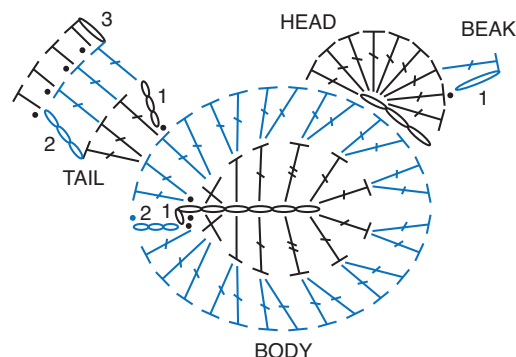
Row 1 Work 6 dc in 3rd ch from hook. Fasten off. Sew flat edge of Head (beginning chs and last dc) to top of Body above surface chs as shown in photo.

Antennae

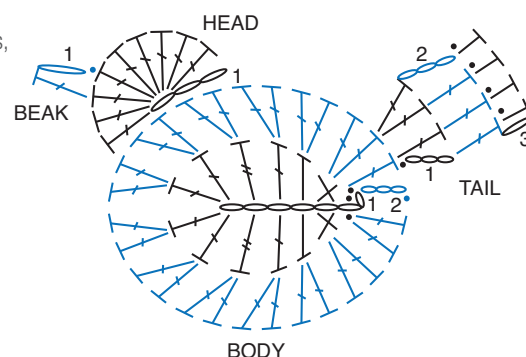
With H, ch 8. Fasten off, leaving long ends. Weave Antennae through top of Head. Weave long tails back through Antennae ch and sew into back of Head to conceal.

FINISHING

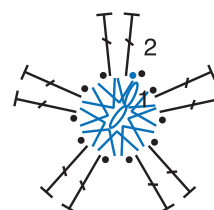
Weave in ends. Sew two buttons on each side of line on red body section with sewing needle and thread. Pin Ladybug to shirt as shown in photo and stitch in place. 🐞



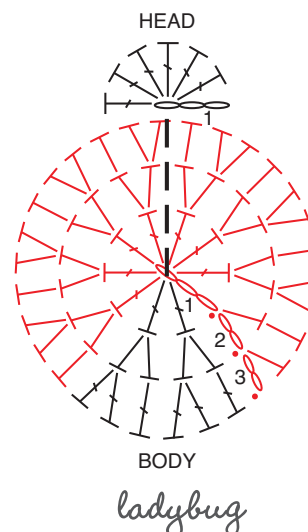
right-facing bird



left-facing bird



flower



ladybug

Annie Dress

Great for dress up or school, this adorable frock will have little girls singing for the sun to come out.

BY LINDA PERMANN

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 3 (3, 4) balls #9925 Really Red (A)
- 1 (1, 1) ball #4600 White (B)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size 7 (4.5mm) crochet hook
(for belt)

NOTIONS

- 1 button, 1"/25mm diameter
- 2 buttons, 5/8"/16mm diameter
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4



Soft in Really Red



SIZES

2 (4, 6)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 23 (25, 27.5)"/58.5 (63.5, 70)cm

Length 18.5 (20, 22.5)"/47 (51, 57)cm

GAUGE

14 sts and 10 rows = 4"/10cm square over alternating rows of sc and dc

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Rows 5–10 Repeat Rows 3 and 4 for 3 times.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Dress is made in one piece from the neck down to the underarms. Then it is divided for Sleeves, and the skirt is worked down to the lower edge.

2 When the body of the Dress is complete, the Sleeves are worked directly into the armhole openings.

DRESS

Yoke

With A, ch 49.

Row 1 Working in the back loop, sc in second ch from hook, sc in next ch, [2 sc in next ch, sc in next 3 ch] 11 times, 2 sc in next ch, sc in last ch—60 sc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and through-

out), turn; dc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 4 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 2 sts—72 sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Row 4 Ch 3, turn; dc in each of next 2 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 5 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 2 sts—84 sts.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3.

Row 6 Ch 3, turn; dc in each of next 2 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 6 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 3 sts—96 sts.

Row 7 Repeat Row 3.

Note Work now proceeds in joined rounds. The first 7 rows were intentionally left unjoined for back opening. Continue to turn the work at the end of each round.

Round 8 Ch 3, turn; dc in each of next 3 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 7 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 3 sts; join with sl st in top of beg ch—108 sts.

Round 9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 10 Ch 3, turn; dc in each of next 3 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 8 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 4 sts; join with sl st in top of beginning

ch—120 sts.

Sizes 4 (6) Only

Round 11 Repeat Row 9.

Round 12 Ch 3, turn; dc in each of next 4 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 9 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 4 sts; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—132 sts.

Size 6 Only

Round 13 Repeat Row 9.

Round 14 Ch 3, turn; dc in each of next 4 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 10 sts] 11 times, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of remaining 5 sts; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—144 sts.

All Sizes: Divide for Sleeves and Body

Round 1 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 18 (20, 22) sts, ch 4 (for underarm), sk next 24 (26, 28) sts (skipped sts form sleeve), sc in next 36 (40, 44) sts, ch 4 (for underarm), sk next 24 (26, 28) sts (for second sleeve), sc in remaining 18 (20, 22) sts; join with sl st in first sc—72 (80, 88) sc and 2 ch-4 sps.

Note Continue to work body of Dress, leaving skipped sleeve sts to be worked later.

Round 2 Ch 3, turn; dc in each sc and ch across; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—80 (88, 96) sts.

Round 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across; join with sl st in first st.

Rounds 4–9 (9, 11) Repeat last 2 rounds for 3 (3, 4) times.

Shape Skirt

Round 1 Ch 3, turn; [dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 26 (28, 31) times, dc in each of last 1 (3, 2) st(s); join with sl st in top of beginning ch—106 (116, 127) sts.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across; join with sl st in first st.

Round 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in each sc and ch across; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 4 Repeat Round 2.

Rounds 5–26 (28, 30) Repeat last 2 rounds 11 (12, 13) times.

Round 27 (29, 31) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

SLEEVES

With WS facing, join A with sl st in underarm (any ch of underarm ch 4).

Round 1 (WS) Ch 1, sc in each st around

A separate buttonhole band worked in single crochet adds a polished look to this dress that's bound to become a favorite for any occasion, in any color.





(including working 1 sc in underside of each ch of each underarm ch 4); join with sl st in first sc—28 (30, 32) sts.

Round 2 (RS) Ch 3, turn; dc in each sc and ch around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across; join with sl st in first st.

Round 4 Repeat Round 2.
Fasten off A.

Round 5 With RS facing and smaller hook, join B with sl st in first st of round, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 6 Ch 1, do not turn; sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off B.

Decorative Round With WS facing, insert smaller hook in first sc of Round 6 and draw A through st, sl st in each st around.
Fasten off A.

Note The Decorative Round creates a delicate line around the Sleeve edge on the RS, while the slip sts show on the WS.

RIGHT COLLAR

With WS of Dress facing and larger hook, join B with sl st in back corner of neck.

Row 1 (WS of Dress, WS of Collar) Working across opposite side of foundation ch; ch 1, sc in first 2 ch, [2 sc in next ch, sc in next 3 ch] 5 times, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch; leave remaining ch unworked—30 sc.

Rows 2–9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.
Fasten off.

Row 10 With RS of Collar facing, join B with sl

st in back corner of neck to work across side edge of Collar, sc evenly spaced across side edge of Collar, 3 sc in corner, sc in each sc of last row, 3 sc in corner, sc evenly spaced across other side edge of Collar.

Fasten off.

Row 11 With WS facing, insert smaller hook in last sc made in Row 10, draw A through st, sl st in each st of Row 10.

Fasten off.

LEFT COLLAR

With WS of Dress facing and larger hook, join B with sl st in next unworked st of neck (near center front).

Row 1 (WS of Dress, RS of Collar) Working across opposite side of foundation ch; ch 1, sc in first ch, [2 sc in next ch, sc in each of next 3 ch] 5 times, 2 sc in next ch, sc in each of remaining 2 ch—30 sc.

Rows 2–9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.
Fasten off.

Row 10 With RS of Collar facing, join B with sl st in center front of neck to work across side edge of Collar, sc evenly spaced across side edge of Collar, 3 sc in corner, sc in each sc of last row, 3 sc in corner, sc evenly spaced across other side edge of Collar.

Fasten off.

Row 11 With WS facing, insert smaller hook in last sc made in Row 10, draw A through st, sl st in each st of Row 10.

Fasten off.

BUTTON BAND

Row 1 With WS of Dress facing and larger hook, join A with sl st in corner of left-hand edge of opening at back of Dress, ch 1, sc evenly spaced across edge.

Row 2 (RS) Turn; sl st in each sc across.
Fasten off.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Row 1 With WS of Dress facing and larger hook, join A with sl st in corner of right-hand edge of opening at back of Dress, ch 1, work 2 sc evenly spaced in edge, ch 2, sk approx .33"/85mm along edge (for buttonhole), sc evenly spaced across edge until approx .5"/1.5cm remains, ch 2, sk approx .33"/85mm along edge (for second buttonhole), sc in edge.

Row 2 (RS) Turn; sc each sc and work 1 sc in each ch-2 sp across.

Fasten off.

BELT

With smaller hook and B, ch 4.

Row 1 Sc in second ch from hook and each ch across—3 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across—3 sc.

Row 3–106 (116, 128) Repeat Row 2.

Note The finished Belt measures approx 1"/2.5cm shorter than the length of the unstretched fabric just made. If a longer Belt is desired, add more rows now.

Row 107 (117, 129) Ch 4, turn; sl st in third sc of row (buttonhole made); leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 108 (118, 130) Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in ch-4 sp—3 sc.

Row 109 (119, 131)–111 (121, 133) Repeat Row 2, working all the way across buttonhole and unworked sts of previous row.

Edging Round (RS) Ch 1, sc evenly spaced around entire edge of Belt, working 1 sc in side edge of each sc row and on either edge of buttonhole; join with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off.

Decorative Round With WS facing, insert smaller hook in any edge sc near center edge of Belt, draw A through st, sl st in each st around.
Fasten off.

BELT LOOPS (OPTIONAL)


With back of Dress facing, position Belt as desired. Mark st just below Belt about 2"/5cm in from either edge of Dress. Sl st around first marked st, ch 8, sl st around st 3 rows above original sl st.
Fasten off.
Repeat for second Belt Loop.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Sew smaller buttons to button band, directly across from buttonholes.

Sew larger button 1"/2.5cm in from non-buttonhole end of Belt.

To button Belt in bow shape, pull buttoned end (including button) through buttonhole and adjust so button rests on buttonhole end. 

Bedtime Stories

Tuck little ones in with crocheted blankets in any size and shape: squares, circles, hearts, even frogs! Add a rocket pillow and cute kitty to inspire sweet dreams and make bedtime even cozier. ❖❖❖



Ribbit Blanket

Maybe (just maybe) kids will leap into bed quicker when they have an adorable frog toy snug inside a cozy security blanket.

BY MICHELE WILCOX



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Kids, 5oz/141g skeins, each approx 290yd/265m (acrylic)
 • 2 skeins #2652 Lime (A)

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
 • 2 skeins #320 Cornmeal (B)
 • 1 skein #316 Soft White (C)
 • 1 skein #312 Black (D)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook
 or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Fiberfill
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY



the yarn

Kids in Lime



the yarn

Super Saver in Cornmeal



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Blanket Approx 32"/81.5cm square

GAUGE

1 square 7.25"/18.5cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

BLANKET

Square (Make 4 with A and 12 with B)

With appropriate color, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 11 dc in ring; join with sl st in

third ch of beginning ch 3—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3; *(2 dc, tr) in next st, (tr, 2 dc) in next st**, dc in next st; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat from * to ** once; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3—28 sts.

Round 3 Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts; *(2 dc, tr) in next st, (tr, 2 dc) in next st**, dc in next 5 sts; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat from * to ** once; dc in last 2 sts; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3—44 sts.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in next 4 sts; *(2 dc, tr) in next st, (tr, 2 dc) in next st**, dc in next 9 sts; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat from * to ** once; dc last 4 sts; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3—60 sts.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in next 6 sts; *(2 dc, tr) in next st, (tr, 2 dc) in next st**, dc in next 13 sts; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat from * to ** once; dc in last 6 sts; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3—76 sts.

Round 6 Ch 3, dc in next 8 sts; *(2 dc, tr) in next st, (tr, 2 dc) in next st**, dc in next 17 sts; repeat from * 2 more times; repeat from * to ** once; dc in last 8 sts; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3—92 sts.
 Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

With RS facing, using B, sew squares together into 4 rows with 4 squares in each row, placing 4 squares made with A in center of middle 2 rows to form Mother Frog Body, as shown in photo.

EDGING

Round 1 With RS facing, join C with sc in any st on blanket edge, sc in each st around blanket, working 3 sc in space between 2 tr in each of 4 corners; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each sc around, working 3 dc in each of 3 corner sc in each of 4 corners; join with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining; *sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * around, easing to fit last repeat, if necessary; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

MOTHER FROG

Eye (Make 2)

With D, ch 2.

Round 1 (RS) Work 6 sc in second ch from hook—6 sc. Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Note Insert stitch marker in last st and move up to last st in each round as work progresses.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around, changing to C in last sc—12 sc.

Fasten off D.

Round 3 With C, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around, changing to A in last sc.

Fasten off C.

Round 6 With A, [sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew edges of Eyes in place on Blanket, stuffing lightly before closing, as shown in photo.

With D, embroider a smile on Blanket below Eyes.

Leg (Make 2)

With A, ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sc.

Rows 2–24 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 25 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc next 5 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in last 5 sc, 2 sc in last sc—18 sc.

Row 26 Turn; *ch 6, hdc in third ch from hook, dc in next 3 chs, sk next 2 sc, sl st in next sc (toe made); repeat from * 5 more times—6 toes.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fold piece in half lengthwise, matching toes.

Sew side seam and around edges of 3 doubled toes, joining toes.

Sew beginning edge of Legs in place on Blanket, as shown in photo.

Arm (Make 2)

With A, ch 15.

Rows 1–19 Work same as Rows 1–19 on Legs.

Rows 20 and 21 Work same as Rows 25 and 26 on Legs.

Fold and sew Arms same as Legs.

Sew beginning edge of Arms in place on Blanket, as shown in photo.

BABY FROG

Head and Body

With A, ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sc.

Rows 2–40 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.
Fasten off.
Fold piece in half widthwise, matching first and last rows.
Sew 3 open edges together, stuffing before closing.

Leg (Make 2)

With A, ch 7.

Row 1 Sc in second ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—6 sc.

Rows 2–8 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 9 Ch 1, turn; fold in half lengthwise, working through both thicknesses, sc in each sc across—3 sc.

Row 10 *Ch 3, sc in second ch from hook, sc in next ch, sl st in next sc (toe made); repeat from * 2 more times—3 toes.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew side seam.

Sew beginning edge of Legs in place on Baby Frog Body, as shown in photo.

Arm (Make 2)

With A, ch 7.

Rows 1–6 Work same as Rows 1–6 on Legs.

Rows 7 and 8 Work same as Rows 9 and 10 on Legs.

Sew side seam.

Sew beginning edge of Arms in place on Baby Frog Body, as shown in photo.

Eye (Make 2 with A and 2 with C)

With appropriate color, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in second ch from hook—6 sc. Do not join.

Work in a spiral.

Note Insert stitch marker in last st and move up to last st in each round as work progresses.

Round 2 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times—9 sc.

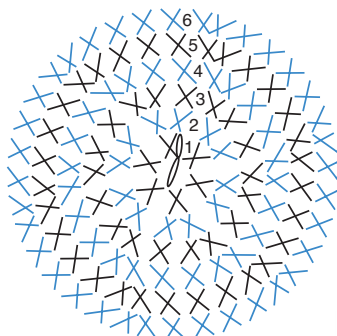
Round 3 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times—12 sc.

Fasten off.

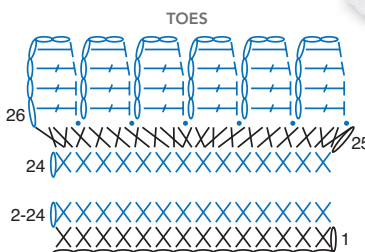
With D, embroider a French knot in center of each Eye made with C. Sew edges of A Eye piece to edges of C Eye piece, stuffing lightly before closing. Repeat with other 2 Eye pieces. Sew Eyes in place on Baby Frog Body, as shown in photo.

FINISHING

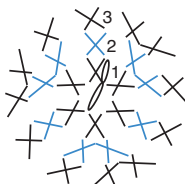
Sew other end of one of Mother Frog Arms to center of body, as shown in photo, so Baby Frog can be tucked in. Weave in ends. 🌟



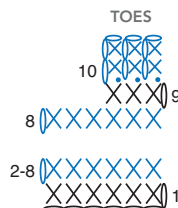
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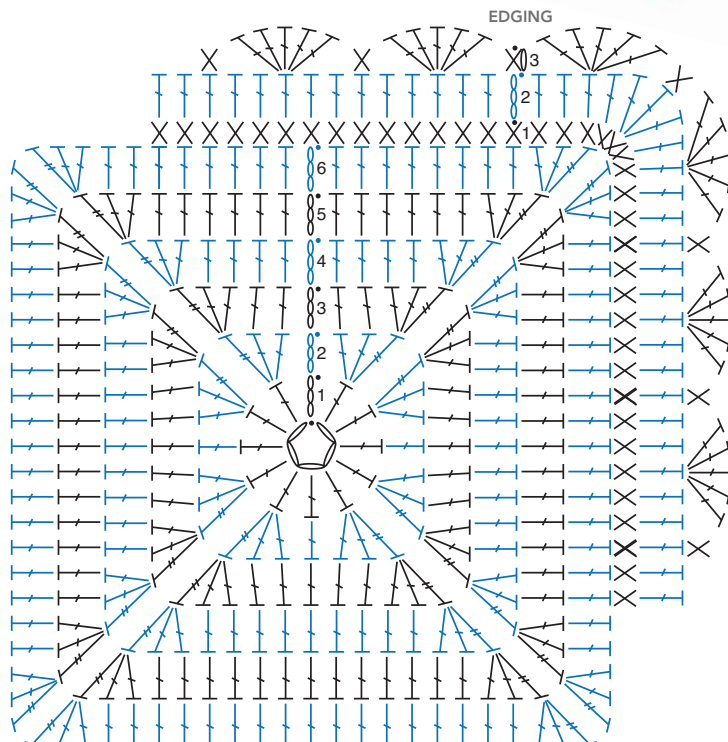
MOTHER FROG'S LEG



BABY FROG'S EYE



BABY FROG'S LEG



SQUARE



Tuck the baby frog right under Mom's arm!





I Got You Babe-y Blanket

Kiss your little lovebug good night in this snuggly heart blankie made with super-soft and cuddly yarn.

BY MARTY MILLER



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
 • 2 balls #9600 White (A)
 • 2 balls #9700 Baby Pink (B)
 For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

• Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

• Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Soft Baby Steps in Baby Pink



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Blanket Approx 24"/61cm wide x 30.5"/77.5cm long

GAUGE

14 sc and 15 rows = 4"/10cm in Tapestry Crochet

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With A, ch 15 loosely.

Rows 1–15 Work same as Rows 1–15 on Panel 2, carrying nonworking strand, as explained in Notes below—14 sc.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Two strands of yarn are used when working tapestry crochet. One is the working strand and the other is the nonworking (or

carried) strand. Tapestry crochet sts are worked by carrying the nonworking strand over the top of the sts in the row below, while working single crochet sts with the working strand over the carried strand. The working strand's sts cover and encase the carried strand. This method creates a substantial and thick fabric. If there are no color changes in a row, continue to work over the carried strand to achieve the same thickness throughout.

2 To change colors, work last st of the working strand to last yarn over. Yarn over with the new working strand (previously the carried strand) and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch.

3 Each panel consists of 5 alternating sections of hearts and stripes with 22 rows in each section, for a total of 110 rows in each of the 4 panels.

4 Heart sections of panels may have a different gauge due to the changing of colors throughout the rows. To avoid this, do not work sts tightly in the heart sections.

5 Block panels to approx 6"/15cm wide x 30"/76cm long before joining them to get a more uniform gauge throughout.

BLANKET

Panel 1 (Make 2)

With A, ch 20 loosely.

Row 1 (WS) Working over B, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—19 sc.

Row 2 (RS) Working over A, ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 3–110 Work same as Row 2, changing colors as indicated on Panel 1 diagram at end of striped rows or within rows for heart sections.

At end of last row, do not change colors and do not fasten off.

Left Panel Edging

Drop B. Working with A only, rotate panel 90 degrees to work along left side edge. With RS facing, ch 1, sc in edge of first row, sc in edge of each row with A at edge, *on rows with B at edge, work (ch 2, sk edge of 2 rows with B at edge), sc in edge of each row with A at edge; repeat from * down left edge to bottom of panel.

Fasten off.

Right Panel Edging

With RS facing, join A with sl st in right side edge of Row 1, ch 1, sc in edge of same row and in edge of each row with A at edge, *on rows with B at edge, work (ch 2, sk edge of 2 rows with B at edge), sc in edge of each row with A at edge; repeat from * up right edge to top of panel. Fasten off.

Panel 2 (Make 2)

With A, ch 20 loosely.

Rows 1 and 2 Work same as Rows 1 and 2 of Panel 1, changing to B in last sc on Row 2.

Rows 3–110 Work same as Row 2 on Panel 1, changing colors as indicated on Panel 2 diagram at end of striped rows or within rows for heart sections.

At end of last row, do not change colors and do not fasten off.

Left Panel Edging

Drop A. Working with B only, rotate panel 90 degrees to work along left side edge. With RS facing, ch 1, sc in edge of first row, ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of each row with B at edge, *on rows with A at edge, work (ch 2, sk edge of 2 rows with A at edge), sc in edge of each row with B at edge; repeat from * down left edge to bottom of panel to last 2 rows with A at edge, ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of last row. Fasten off.

Right Panel Edging

With RS facing, join B with sl st in right side edge of Row 1, ch 1, sc in edge of same row, ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of each row with B at edge, *on rows with A at edge, work (ch 2, sk edge of 2 rows

***Tip** Watch gauge closely when working heart sections of panels so your stitches aren't too tight!*

with A at edge), sc in edge of each row with B at edge; repeat from * up right edge to top of panel to last 2 rows with A at edge, ch 1, sk next row, sc in edge of last row.
Fasten off.

Panel Joinings

With RS facing, pin side edges of panels together, starting with a Panel 1 on the left, alternating panels as shown in photo. With WS of Panels 1 and 2 together, Panel 1 in front of Panel 2 and working through both thicknesses, beginning at top of side edge, join A with sl st in top sc along side edges of Panel 1 and Panel 2, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, working from left to right, *ch 1, sk next st, rev sc in next st; repeat from * across to bottom of side edge, ending with rev sc in last 2 sts (there should be no ch-1 sp between last 2 sts).
Fasten off.

Note Each chain of a ch-2 sp or ch-1 sp on side edgings counts as a st. When you come to a ch-2 sp on one of the panels, work a rev sc and a ch 1 in the ch-2 sp,

then work the next rev sc in the following sc after the ch-2 sp.

Work other two panel joinings in same manner. At end of joining last two panels, do not fasten off.

Blanket Edging



Ch 1, pivot piece to work around outer edges (and in panel joinings), working

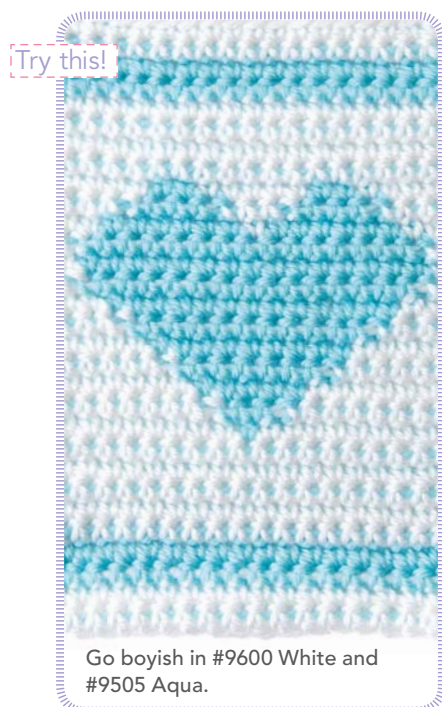
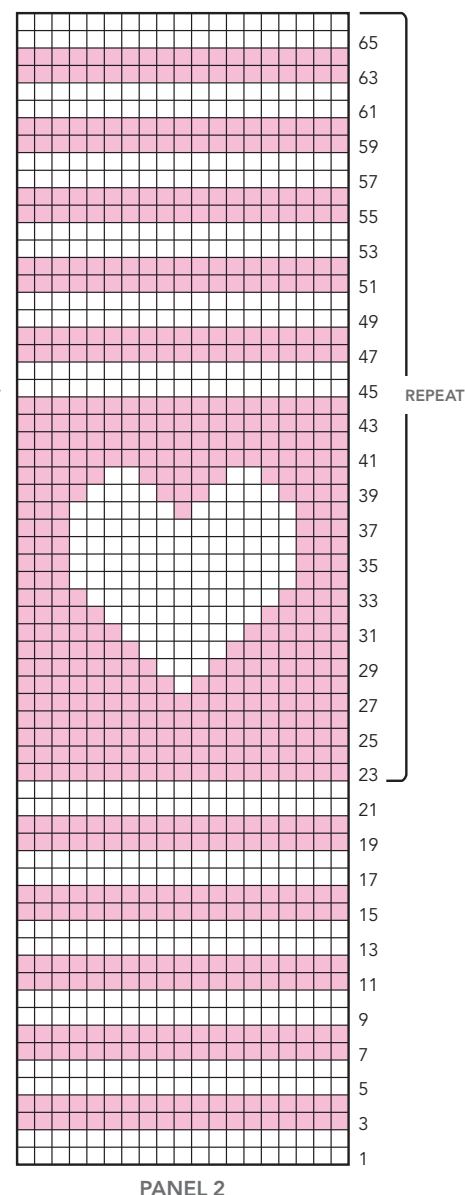
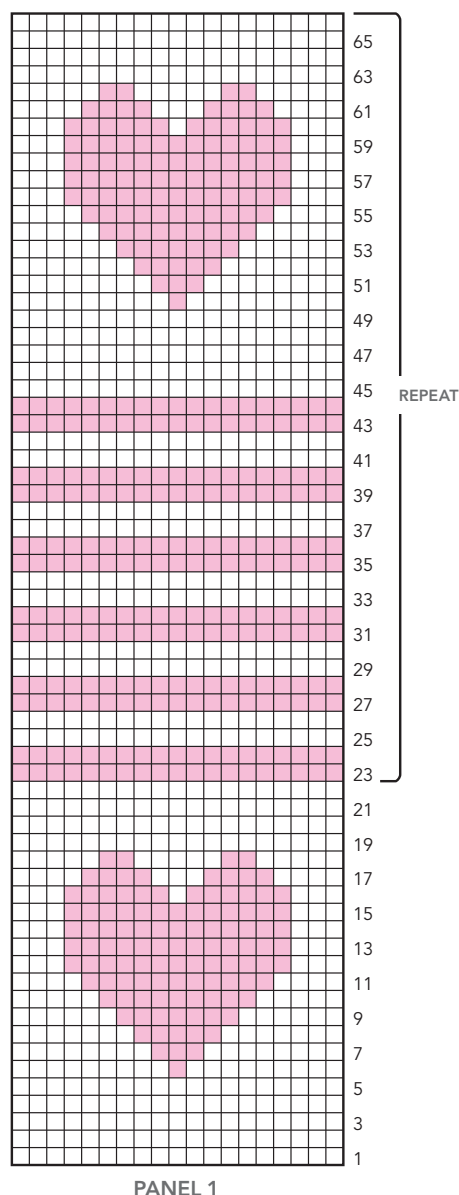
from left to right, sc in same st as last sc, *ch 1, sk next st, rev sc in next st; repeat from * around, working (rev sc, ch 1, rev sc) in corner sts to keep corners flat; join with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 

CHART KEY

-  = SC IN A
-  = SC IN B



Vintage Baby Blanket

Whip up this super-soft baby blanket for gifts, and learn a textured crochet stitch at the same time.

BY MARTY MILLER

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
 • 4 balls #9505 Aqua
 For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

• Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook
 or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

• Stitch markers (optional)
 • Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

the yarn

Red Heart Soft Baby Steps in Aqua



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width Approx 25"/63.5cm

Length Approx 31.5"/80cm

GAUGE

16 sts and 17 rows = 4"/10cm over single
 crochet

17 sts and 13 rows = 4"/10cm over Raised
 stitch pattern

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each
 remaining ch across—16 sc.

Rows 2–17 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx
 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size
 to obtain correct gauge.

PATTERN STITCH

Raised stitch Insert hook from front to back
 in sc two rows directly below last sc made on
 working row, sk next sc two rows below, bring
 hook from back to front in next sc two rows
 below, yarn over and draw up a loop to height
 of working row (two loops on hook), yarn over,
 insert hook in same two sts two rows below in
 same manner, yarn over and draw up a loop
 to same height (four loops on hook), yarn over
 and draw through first three loops on hook,
 yarn over and draw through remaining two
 loops on hook.

NOTES

When crocheting a row that includes Raised
 st, start and end each row working into the
 “regular” row where sts are normally worked,
 going back and forth between the regular row
 and the row that is two rows below. Raised
 sts are worked into the row that is two rows
 below; sc are worked into the regular row.

BLANKET

Panel A (Make 2)

Ch 32.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook
 and in each remaining ch across—31 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 3–30 Repeat Row 2, 28 more times.

Row 31 (Raised st row) Ch 1, turn; sc in first
 sc, working in sts 2 rows below, work Raised st;
 working in same row where first sc was made,
 sk sc behind Raised st, sc in next st; *working in
 sts 2 rows below, work Raised st (inserting hook
 from front to back in second st used for last
 Raised st and completing Raised st as directed);

working in same row where last sc was made,
 sk sc behind Raised st, sc in next st; repeat
 from * across—15 Raised sts.

Row 32 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across—31
 sc.

Row 33 (Raised st row) Ch 1, turn; sc in first
 sc, *working in sts 2 rows below, work Raised
 st (inserting hook from front to back in sc
 worked before Raised st directly below and
 from back to front in next sc worked after same
 Raised st); working in same row where first sc
 was made, sk sc behind Raised st, sc in next st;
 repeat from * across—15 Raised sts.

Rows 34–57 Repeat Rows 32 and 33, 12
 more times.

Rows 58–86 Repeat Row 2, 29 more times.

Row 87 Repeat Row 31.

Rows 88–113 Repeat Rows 32 and 33, 13
 more times.

Row 114 Repeat Row 2.
 Fasten off.

Panel B (Make 1)

Ch 32.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each
 remaining ch across—31 sc.

Rows 2–85 Repeat Rows 30–113 on Panel A.



Pick a color to match the nursery!
 #9590 Lavender, #9620 Baby
 Green, #9700 Baby Pink



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Rows 86–114 Repeat Row 2 on Panel A, 29 times. At end of last row, fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

With RS facing, pin side edges of panels together, with Panel B in center of 2 Panel A's. Starting at bottom of panels, join with sl st in bottom corner of one Panel A and in adjacent corner of center Panel B (through both panels), ch 1, sc in same corner st; working back and forth between panels, *sc in next st of Panel A, sc in corresponding st of Panel B; repeat from * across to top of panels, ending with sl st through both panels.

Fasten off.

Join with sl st in other bottom corner of center Panel B and adjacent corner of 2nd Panel A (through both panels), ch 1, sc in same corner st; working back and forth between panels, *sc in next st of Panel B, sc in corresponding st of Panel A; repeat from * across to top of panels, ending with sl st through both panels.

Fasten off.

Edging

Round 1 With RS facing, join with sl st in any st along outer edge of blanket, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc evenly spaced around entire blanket, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in center st in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

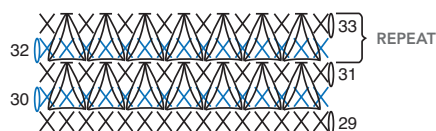
FINISHING

Weave in ends. 🌀



AFTER
2013

Tip Try using a second yarn color for the Raised st sections, creating a color block effect.



PANEL A

Polka Dot Baby Blanket

Connect the dots with
this totally cute
and reversible blankie.

BY MARTY MILLER

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 3 balls #9590 Lavender (A)
- 1 ball #9505 Aqua (B)
- 1 ball #9700 Baby Pink (C)
- 1 ball #9620 Baby Green (D)
- 1 ball #9200 Baby Yellow (E)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **EASY**

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Soft Baby Steps in Lavender



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width Approx 27"/68.5cm

Length Approx 31"/78.5cm

GAUGE

11 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10cm over
double crochet.

Gauge is not critical for this project.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 13.

Row 1 Dc in fourth ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—11 dc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, dc in each dc across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

rev sc (reverse single crochet)

See How To on next page.

NOTES

Blanket and Polka Dots are worked

separately. Dots are sewn to both sides of blanket, with blanket sandwiched between matching-color pairs of Dots. This makes the Blanket reversible.

BLANKET

With A, ch 76.

Row 1 Dc in fourth ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—74 dc.

Rows 2–55 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each dc across. Do not fasten off.

Edging

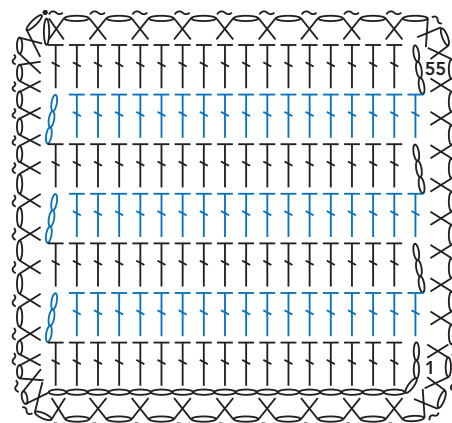
Ch 1, do not turn, working in opposite direction back across sts of Row 55, rev sc in first



Tip Try changing colors between Rnds 1 and 2 to make the dots multicolor.



EDGING ROUND



REDUCED SAMPLE OF EDGING PATTERN

st, *ch 1, sk next st, rev sc in next st; repeat from * across to first st (ch-3 at beginning of row), ch 1, (rev sc, [ch 1, rev sc] twice) around the ch-3 (corner made); working in ends of rows across side edge, **ch 1, rev sc in end of next dc row, ch 1, (rev sc, ch 1, rev sc) in ch-3 at end of next row; repeat from ** across side edge to last 2 rows, ch 1, rev sc in end of next dc row, ch 1, (rev sc, [ch 1, rev sc] twice) in end of last row (beginning ch of Row 1); working across opposite side of foundation ch, ch 1, rev sc in next ch, ***ch 1, sk next ch, rev sc in next ch; repeat from *** across foundation ch; working in ends of rows across remaining side edge, ch 1, (rev sc, [ch 1, rev sc] twice) in end of first dc row, ch 1, (rev sc, ch 1, rev sc) in ch-3

at end of next row, ****ch 1, rev sc in end of next dc row, ch 1, (rev sc, ch 1, rev sc) in ch-3 at end of next row; repeat from **** to last row, ch 1, (rev sc, [ch 1, rev sc] twice) in end of last row; join with sl st in beginning ch. Fasten off.

POLKA DOT

(Make 36 – 8 with B, 8 with C, 10 with D, 10 with E)

Ch 4.

Round 1 Work 11 dc in fourth ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc); join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each dc around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—24 dc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing dot to Blanket.

FINISHING

Using photo as a guide for placement or arranging as desired, pin half of the Polka Dots of each color to one side of Blanket. Arrange and pin the remaining half of the Polka Dots on the other side of the Blanket, placing each Dot immediately behind a matching-color Dot on the opposite side. Whipstitch the Polka Dots to the Blanket, sewing through the back loops of the Dots and through all three layers—attaching each Dot to its matching Dot, with the Blanket sandwiched in between. Weave in ends.

How to Work Reverse Single Crochet (Crab Stitch)

Step 1 Work single crochet in opposite direction by inserting hook in next stitch (to the right if right-handed, and to the left if left-handed).



Step 2 Yarn over and draw up a loop.



Step 3 Yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.



Coco the Cat

Let imaginations travel far and wide with our cute crocheted kitty.

BY MONICA RODRIGUEZ FUERTES

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, solids:
7oz/198g skeins, each approx
364yd/333m; heathers: 5oz/141g,
each approx 244yd/233m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #400 Grey Heather (A)
- 1 skein #390 Hot Red (B)
- 1 skein #313 Aran (C)
- 1 skein #381 Light Blue (D)
- 1 skein #324 Bright Yellow (E)
- 1 skein #311 White (F)
- 1 skein #254 Pumpkin (G)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4.0mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- 2 blue safety cat eyes, 3/8"/10mm diameter
- 2 black glass eyes, 1/8"/3mm diameter
- Polyester fiberfill
- Pink and turquoise felt, matching sewing thread, and needle
- 1 flat black button, .25"/6-7mm diameter
- 3 red buttons, .25"/6mm diameter
- Narrow ribbon, 6"/15cm long
- White elastic thread, 10"/25cm long
- 2 clear sew-on snaps, .25"/6mm diameter
- Green and black embroidery floss
- Pompom maker
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4





Super Saver in Aran



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Cat Approx 15"/38cm tall

GAUGE

14 sc and 12 rows = 4"/10cm square

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 15.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sc.

Rows 2–12 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 When working in a spiral, insert stitch marker (or safety pin) in last stitch of first round and move up to last stitch in each round as work progresses to keep track.

2 To join with sc, make a slip knot and place on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

CAT BODY

Starting at neck with A, ch 9, leaving a long tail; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (WS) Ch 1, work 9 sc in ring—9 sc. Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Round 2 Sc in each sc around.

Round 3 Work 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—14 sc.

Round 4 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—21 sc.

Round 5 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around—28 sc.

Round 6 Work 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—38 sc.

Rounds 7–17 Sc in each sc around.

Round 18 Sc2tog; *sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog;

repeat from * around—28 sc.

Round 19 *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around—21 sc.

Fasten off. Stuff Body with fiberfill and sew bottom closed.

CAT HEAD

Starting at front of Head with A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (WS) Ch 1, work 3 sc in ring—3 sc. Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—6 sc.

Round 3 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—9 sc.

Round 4–7 Work same as Rounds 3–6 on Body—38 sc at end of Round 7.

Rounds 8–12 Sc in each sc around.

Rounds 13 and 14 Work same as Rounds 18 and 19 on Body—21 sc at end of Round 14. Do not fasten off at end of Round 14.

Round 15 *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—14 sc.

Round 16 Sc2tog; *sc in next sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—9 sc.

Attach blue cat eyes onto Head, following manufacturer's instructions. Stuff Head with fiberfill.

Round 17 *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—6 sc.

Round 18 *Sc2tog; repeat from * around—3 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last 3 sc to close hole. Secure tail and weave in ends.

MUZZLE

With A, ch 3; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1–3 Work same as Rounds 1–3 on Head—9 sc at end of Round 3.

Round 4 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Referring to photo for placement, sew Muzzle to beginning rounds of Head, inserting a small amount of fiberfill before closing. Sew flat black button in center of Muzzle for nose. With black floss, embroider mouth below nose and three eyelashes next to each eye. Cut two circles of pink felt and sew them onto Head for cheeks.

To make whiskers, using sewing needle,

insert two strands of black floss into right cheek and push through Head to left cheek. Tie an overhand knot in each end of thread to secure strands into Head. Trim strands to desired length.

Using yarn tail at neck end of Body, sew Head to Body.

EARS

(Make 2)

Starting at bottom with A, ch 8.

Row 1 Starting in 2nd ch from hook, sc2tog, sc in next 3 chs, sc2tog—5 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog—3 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next sc—2 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog—1 sc. Fasten off. Sew Ears to both sides of Head, as shown in photograph.

PAWS AND ARMS

(Make 2)

Starting at bottom with A, ch 8; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (WS) Ch 1, work 8 sc in ring—8 sc. Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Round 2 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Rounds 3–13 Sc in each sc around.

Round 14 *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc; repeat from * around—10 sc.

Rounds 15–19 Sc in each sc around.

At end of last round, fasten off.

Stuff Paws and Arms lightly. Sew Arms to Body, referring to photo for placement. Embroider three fingers at tip of each Paw with black floss.

LEGS

(Make 2)

Starting at bottom with A, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (WS) Ch 1, work 4 sc in ring—4 sc. Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—8 sc.

Round 3 Repeat Round 2—16 sc.

Rounds 4–14 Sc in each sc around.

Round 15 [Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc] twice—14 sc.

Rounds 16–25 Sc in each sc around.

At end of last round, fasten off. Stuff Legs



Coco's French Style



BERET



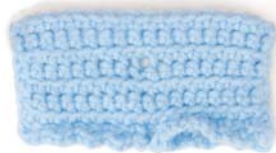
LITTLE DUCK



YELLOW BAG



SCARF



BLOOMERS



DRESS

and sew Legs to bottom of Body. Embroider three toes at bottom of each Leg with black floss.

TAIL

Starting at bottom with A, ch 3; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (WS) Ch 1, Work 3 sc in ring—3 sc. Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Rounds 2–18 Sc in each sc around.

At end of last round, fasten off. Sew Tail to bottom of Body. Tail is not stuffed.

DRESS

Starting at neckline with B, ch 29.

Row 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—28 sc.

Fasten off A.

Note Work in FL of each st throughout Dress.

Row 2 With WS facing, join C with sc in first sc, sc in same sc as joining, sc in next 4 sc, ch 8, sk next 5 sc (armhole made), sc in next 8 sc, ch 8, sk next 5 sc (armhole made), sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in last sc—20 sc and 2 ch-8 sps. Fasten off C.

Row 3 With RS facing, join B with sc in first sc, sc in same sc as joining, sc in each sc and ch across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—38 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off B.

Row 5 With RS facing, join C with sc in first sc, sc in each sc across. Fasten off C.

Row 6 With WS facing, join B with sc in first sc, sc in same sc as joining, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—40 sc.

Row 7 Repeat Row 4. Fasten off B.

Row 8 With WS facing, join C with sc in first sc, sc in same sc as joining; *sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sc; sc in last 3 sc—47 sc. Fasten off C.

Row 9 With RS facing, repeat Row 6—49 sc.

Row 10 Repeat Row 4. Fasten off B.

Row 11 With RS facing, join C with sc in first sc; *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; repeat from * across—57 sc. Fasten off C.

Row 12 With WS facing, join B with sc in first sc, sc in each sc across.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc; *sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * across—65 sc. Fasten off B.

Row 14 With WS facing, repeat Row 5. Fasten off C.

Row 15 With RS facing, repeat Row 12.

Row 16 Repeat Row 4. Fasten off B.

Row 17 Repeat Row 5. Fasten off C.

Row 18 Repeat Row 12.

Row 19 Repeat Row 4. Do not fasten off.

Edging

Rotate piece to work along right edge of Dress. Sl st in edge of each row along right edge, working over tails. Fasten off.

With RS facing, join B with sl st in edge of first row on left side edge, sl st in edge of each row along left side edge, working over tails. Fasten off.

Sew three red buttons to left edge of Dress at Rows 1, 4, and 7. With B, make three

button loops on right edge of Dress, positioning loops opposite buttons and making loops fit over buttons securely.

BERET

Starting at top with B, ch 3; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1–5 Work same as Rounds 1–5 on Head—21 sc at end of Round 5.

Round 6 Work 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—26 sc.

Round 7 Sc in each sc around.

Round 8 Sc2tog; *sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—19 sc. Fasten off.

With B, ch 9. Fasten off.

Fold chain in half and using yarn tails, sew both ends to top center of Beret. Attach white elastic thread to bottom edge of Beret on both sides as a chin strap.

SCARF

With D, ch 66.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—65 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

With D and following pompom maker instructions, make two pompoms approx 1.5"/4cm in diameter. Using double strand of D, sew a pompon to each end of Scarf.

BLOOMERS

Front and Back (Make 2)

With D, ch 20.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—19 sc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 1, turn; sc in FL of each sc across. At end of last row, fasten off. Place Front and Back with WS together. Sew side edges and center of bottom edge. When placing Bloomer on Cat, insert Tail between any stitches on back of Bloomers.

Leg Edging

With RS facing, join D with sc in any sc around leg opening, ch 3, sk next sc; *sc in next sc, ch 3, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat Leg Edging on other leg opening.

YELLOW BAG

With E, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 4 sc in ring—4 sc.

Do not join. Work in a spiral.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—8 sc.

Round 3 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Round 4 Work [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] twice—14 sc.

Round 5 Work [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] twice—16 sc.

Round 6 Work [2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 6 sc] twice—20 sc.

Round 7 Work [2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 8 sc] twice—24 sc.

Round 8 Work [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 4 times, ch 10, sk next 4 sc (handle made), [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 4 times, ch 10, sk next 4 sc (handle made); join with sl st in first sc—24 sc and 2 ch-10 loops.

Fasten off. Sew 1st snap to centers of Bag handles, and snap handles together. Sew second snap to Bag and tip of Coco's left paw, so she can hold bag.

CHERRIES

(Make 2)

With B, ch 3; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 3 sc in ring—3 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc—5 sc.

Rounds 3 and 4 Sc in each sc around.

Round 5 [Sc2tog] twice, sc in next sc—3 sc.

Round 6 Sc2tog, sc in next sc—2 sc.

Fasten off. Weave tail through last 2 sc to close hole. Secure tail and weave in ends. Insert green thread through center of each Cherry. Referring to photo, tie a knot in each end of thread to secure Cherries, leaving a length of thread between them. Sew center of thread to front of Bag, to allow Cherries to dangle.

LITTLE DUCK

Head

With F, ch 3; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1–3 (WS) Work same as Rounds 1–3 on Head—9 sc at end of Round 3.

Rounds 4 and 5 Sc in each sc around.

Round 6 *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; repeat

from * around—6 sc.

Stuff Head with fiberfill.

Round 7 [Sc2tog] 3 times—3 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last 3 sc to close hole. Secure tail and weave in ends. Cut two circles of turquoise felt and sew to Head for eyes. Attach black glass eyes on top of the felt circles, as shown in photo.

Beak

With G, ch 4.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs—3 sc.

Fasten off. Sew Beak to Duck's face, as shown in photo.

Body

With F, ch 3; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1–3 (WS) Work same as Rounds 1–3 on Head—9 sc at end of Round 3.

Round 4 *Work 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Rounds 5 and 6 Sc in each sc around.

Round 7 *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—8 sc. Stuff Body with fiberfill.

Round 8 [Sc2tog] 4 times—4 sc.

Round 9 [Sc2tog] twice—2 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last 2 sc to close hole. Sew Body to Head. Sew narrow ribbon around neck and tie ribbon in a bow.

Feet (Make 2)

With G, ch 3.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in next sc—3 sc.

Fasten off. Sew Feet to bottom of Body.

Wings (Make 2)

With F, ch 4.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs—3 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc—4 sc.

Rows 3 and 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

At end of Row 4, fasten off. Sew one Wing to each side of Body under Head.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 🌟

Rocket Pillow

Watch your crocheting skills take off as you stitch this snugly pillow for your favorite space explorer.

BY LINDA PERMANN



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART With Love, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 370yd/338m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #1803 Blue Hawaii (A)
- 1 skein #1909 Holly Berry (B)
- 1 skein #1814 True Blue (C)
- 1 skein #1201 Daffodil (D)
- 1 skein #1252 Mango (E)
- 1 skein #1001 White (F)

Note Only a small amount is needed of D, E, and F.

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or *any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Blue cotton fabric, 1 yard/91.5cm x 42"/106.5cm wide
- Tailor's chalk or washable fabric marker
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Matching sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- 36 oz fiberfill
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

With Love in Blue Hawaii



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 25"/63.5cm high x 20"/51cm wide, firmly stuffed (including fins)

GAUGE

11 dc and 6 rows = 3.5"/9cm square (before stuffing)

11 dc and 7 rows = 4"/10cm square (blocked, with pillow inserted)

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 13.

Row 1 Dc in fourth ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as dc), dc in each

remaining ch across—11 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in each dc across, working last dc in top of turning ch.

Rows 3–6 Repeat Row 2, four more times.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 3.5"/9cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together)

[Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

adjustable ring See Resources, pg. 66.

surface slip stitch Make slip knot on WS of project, insert hook from RS to WS, place slip knot on hook, draw loop to RS. In next st, insert hook from RS to WS, yarn over on WS, draw loop to RS, yarn over, pull through loop on hook (surface slip stitch made).

NOTE

On Rocket Body and Portholes, join end of round with sl st in third ch of beginning ch 3, unless otherwise noted.

ROCKET BODY

Starting at top with A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—18 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, dc in each dc around; join.

Round 4 Repeat Round 2—27 dc.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—36 dc.

Round 6 Repeat Round 3.

Round 7 Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—45 dc.

Round 8 Repeat Round 3.

Round 9 Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—54 dc.

Round 10 Repeat Round 3.

Round 11 Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—63 dc.

Round 12 Repeat Round 3.

Round 13 Ch 3, dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—72 dc.

Round 14 Repeat Round 3.

Round 15 Ch 3, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—81 dc.

Round 16 Repeat Round 3.

Round 17 Ch 3, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 8 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 8 times; join—90 dc.

Rounds 18–40 Repeat Round 3, 23 more times. At end of last round, fasten off A.

Round 41 With RS facing, join B with sl st in first dc, ch 3, dc in next 15 dc, dc2tog, [dc in next 16 dc, dc2tog] 4 times; join—85 dc.

Round 42 Ch 3, dc in next 14 dc, dc2tog, [dc in next 15 dc, dc2tog] 4 times; join—80 dc.

Round 43 Ch 3, dc in next 13 dc, dc2tog, [dc in next 14 dc, dc2tog] 4 times; join—75 dc.

Round 44 Ch 3, dc in next 12 dc, dc2tog, [dc in next 13 dc, dc2tog] 4 times; join—70 dc.

Round 45 Repeat Round 3. Fasten off B.

PORTHOLE

(Make 3, 1 Each With B, D, and E as Second Color)

With C, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3, 9 dc in ring; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—10 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each dc around; join—20 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 9 times; join—30 dc. Fasten off C.

Round 4 With RS facing, join second color with sl st in any dc, ch 2 (does not count as a st), hdc in same dc as joining, hdc in next dc, 2 hdc in next dc, [hdc in next 2 dc, 2 hdc in next dc] 9 times; join with sl st in first hdc—40 hdc. Fasten off second color, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Round 5 With RS of Porthole facing, work surface sl st with F in each st on Round 3—30 surface sl sts. Fasten off F.

FINS

(Make 4)

Note Fins have no RS or WS.

With B, ch 42.

Row 1 Work 2 dc in back bar of fourth ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as first dc), dc in back bar of each remaining ch across—41 dc.

Row 2 Turn; sl st in first 2 sts, ch 3, dc in next dc and in each remaining dc across to turning ch, 3 dc in top of turning ch—42 dc.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in each dc across to turning ch, leave turning ch unworked—43 dc.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2—44 dc.

Rows 5 and 6 Repeat Rows 3 and 4—46 dc at end of Row 6.

Row 7 Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in first dc, dc in next 42 sts, 3 dc in next st, sk last 2 sts, rotate to work across edge of fin, evenly work 14 sc across edge—48 dc and 14 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and wet block pieces.

Rocket Pillow

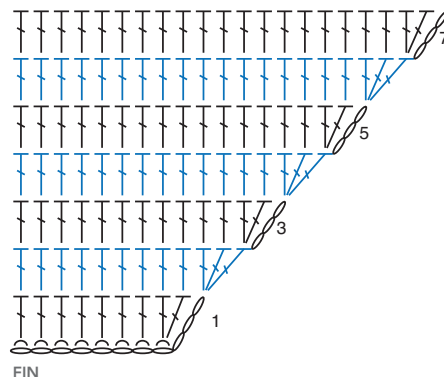
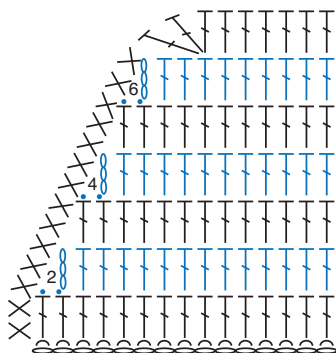
Fold fabric in half, with RS together, and place Rocket Body in center of fabric. Trace around Rocket Body shape, remove Rocket Body. Draw another line 1 1/2" / 2.5cm out from shape just traced. Following last line drawn, cut fabric. With both pieces of fabric together, beginning on bottom edge, approx 2.5" / 6.5cm away from side edge, sew seam with .5" / 1.5cm seam allowance around entire fabric piece, leaving a 6" / 15cm opening on bottom edge for stuffing. Turn fabric inside out. Stuff fabric rocket with fiberfill, being careful to stuff fabric rocket very firmly as stuffing will settle over time. Joining of rounds should be at back of pillow. Hand stitch opening shut. Insert fabric pillow into Rocket Body and whipstitch bottom edge shut with B. Referring to the photo for placement, arrange Portholes on front of Rocket Body and sew in place using yarn tails.

Assemble and Attach Fins

Stack two Fin pieces with edges aligned. Working through both thicknesses, join B with sl st in first st along bottom edge, evenly sc around entire edge of fin, stuff-



Tip Instead of crocheting the portholes, cut small pieces of felt and sew them onto the rocket.



ing fin lightly as you go; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Place Fin along long straight edge of Rocket Body, with bottom edge of Fin touching

Rocket Body and more pointed end at bottom, referring to photograph for placement. With yarn tail, whip stitch long bottom edge of Fin to Rocket. Repeat for second Fin. 🌀

Kaleidoscope Afghan



Inspired by the whimsical patterns of the classic toy, this blanket's motifs start out as circles and end up as hexagons to create a color explosion.

BY MARTY MILLER

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g balls, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #718 Shocking Pink (A)
- 1 ball #624 Tea Leaf (B)
- 1 ball #358 Lavender (C)
- 1 ball #313 Aran (D)
- 1 ball #373 Petal Pink (E)
- 1 ball #311 White (F)
- 1 ball #334 Buff (G)
- 1 ball #332 Ranch Red (H)
- 1 ball #380 Windsor Blue (I)
- 1 ball #365 Coffee (J)
- 1 ball #321 Gold (K)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

1 2 3 4

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Super Saver in Tea Leaf



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width Approx 43"/109cm

Length Approx 56"/142cm

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 of motif = 5.5"/14cm diameter;
One motif = 7.5"/19cm from corner to
opposite corner.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Motifs are worked with RS facing at all times. Join, but do not turn, at the ends of

rounds. Ensure that right side is facing when joining new color.

2 Leave at least a 6"/15cm tail at the beginning and end of rounds, to weave in later.

3 A join-as-you-go technique is used, when working Round 6, to join the motifs together. If preferred, the motifs can be sewn together as follows: After completing the motifs, arrange them according to the assembly diagram. Hold motifs together with wrong sides facing each other. With matching yarn, and working through both thicknesses, sew through back loops across the edge to be joined. Join the motifs into strips then sew the strips together.

FIRST MOTIF

With A, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), [dc in ring, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—12 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off A.

Round 2 With RS facing, join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—24 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off B.

Round 3 With RS facing, join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—36 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off C.

Round 4 With RS facing, join D with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3, 3 dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [4 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—48 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off D.

Round 5 With RS facing, join E with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same ch-1 sp, ch 4, [2 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 4] 11 times; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc and 12 ch-4 sps. Do not fasten off E.

Round 6 Continue with E, sl st in next sc, (sl st, ch 3, 4 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp (first corner made), ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, [(5 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp (corner made), ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1] 5 times; join with sl st in

top of beginning ch—90 dc and 18 ch-1 sps. Fasten off E.

MOTIFS 2–52

Work Rounds 1–5 of First Motif, using colors as indicated in the following color sequences.

Color Sequence 1 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with A, B, C, D, E. Note The first motif counts as the first of these 3 motifs.

Color Sequence 2 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with F, G, H, I, A.

Color Sequence 3 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with B, C, D, E, F.

Color Sequence 4 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with G, H, I, A, B.

Color Sequence 5 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with C, D, E, F, G.

Color Sequence 6 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with H, I, A, B, C.

Color Sequence 7 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with D, E, F, G, H.

Color Sequence 8 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with I, A, B, C, D.

Color Sequence 9 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with E, F, G, H, I.

Color Sequence 10 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with I, H, G, F, E.

Color Sequence 11 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with D, C, B, A, I.

Color Sequence 12 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with H, G, F, E, D.

Color Sequence 13 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with C, B, A, I, H.

Color Sequence 14 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with G, F, E, D, C.

Color Sequence 15 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with B, A, I, H, G.

Color Sequence 16 (Make 3) Work 1 round each with F, E, D, C, B.

Color Sequence 17 (Make 2) Work 1 round each with A, I, H, G, F.

Color Sequence 18 (Make 2) Work 1 round each with E, D, C, B, A.

Before working Round 6, refer to diagram on next page for placement of motif. Note the

Tip The hexagons are attached as you work them, so no sewing is required.

neighboring motifs to which the current motif is to be joined. You may wish to place a stitch marker in each side of the current motif that needs to be joined to a neighboring motif. If motifs are joined in the same order as shown in the diagram below, at most three sides will need to be joined. The first side of the current motif is not joined to a neighboring motif. Then the second side is worked and joined to the first neighbor. If there are more neighboring motifs, the third and fourth sides are joined to these neighbors, one at a time. Finally, the remaining sides are worked, without being joined, to complete the current motif.

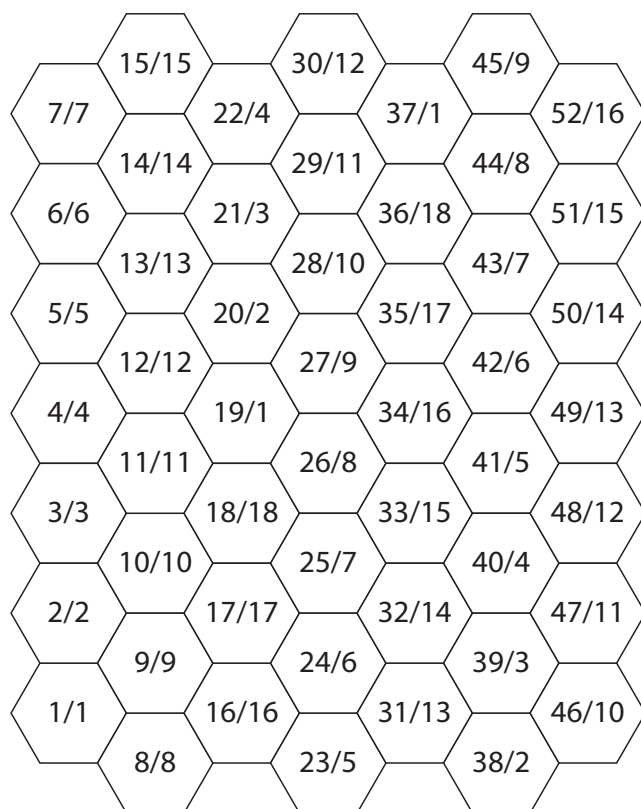
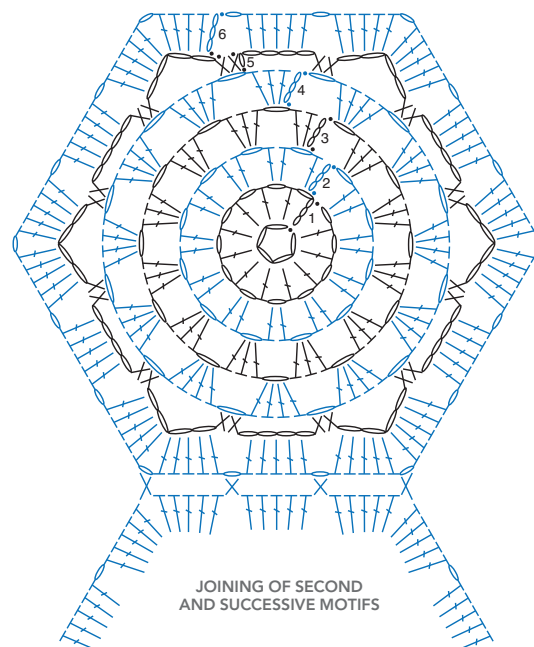
Note When working in a corner where two neighbors are already joined, work the joining sc into the body of the sc that is joining the two neighbors.

Round 6 (Joining round) Continue

with fifth color, sl st in next sc, (sl st, ch 3, 4 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, sc in corresponding corner ch-1 sp of first neighboring motif, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp of current motif, *sc in corresponding ch-1 sp of neighboring motif, (5 dc, sc in corresponding corner ch-1 sp of neighboring motif, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp of current motif; repeat from * until current motif has been joined to all neighboring motifs (at most 3), ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, *(5 dc, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 1; repeat from ** around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 



The first number indicates the order in which the motifs should be worked and joined. The second number indicates the color sequence to be used for the motif.



Milky Way Blankie

Keep your mini moonwalker warm at night in a galaxy not so far away.

BY APRIL GARWOOD



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, solid:
7oz/198g skeins, each approx
364yd/333m; multi: 5 oz/141g skeins,
each approx 244yd/233m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #0311 White (A)
- 1 skein #0984 Shaded Dusk (B)

RED HEART Shimmer, 3.5oz/100g
balls, each approx 280yd/256m
(acrylic/polyester)

- 1 ball #1010 Snow (C)
- For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook
(for Stars only)

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

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Super Saver in Shaded Dusk



the yarn  4

Shimmer in Snow



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Diameter Approx 36"/91.5cm diameter.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–6 = approx 8"/20.5 diameter.
Remember to check gauge for best results!

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring See Resources pg. 66

NOTES

1 Blanket is worked in continuous rounds; do not join and do not turn at beginning of each round.

2 Color A stitches are always worked into color B stitches, and color B stitches are always worked into color A stitches.

3 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Do not fasten off old color, carry it up WS of work until needed.

4 Each round is worked using both colors. The first half of the round is worked with one color, and the second half is worked with the other color. Each round begins with the same color that ended the previous round.

BLANKET

With larger hook and A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 2 (does not count as a st), 6 dc in ring; join B with sl st in ring, ch 2, 6 dc in ring; do not join, work in continuous spiral—12 dc. Pull on tail to tighten ring. Place marker in last dc made to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2 With B, 2 dc in each of next 6 dc; change to A, 2 dc in each of next 6 dc—24 dc.

Round 3 With A, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times; change to B, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times—36 dc.

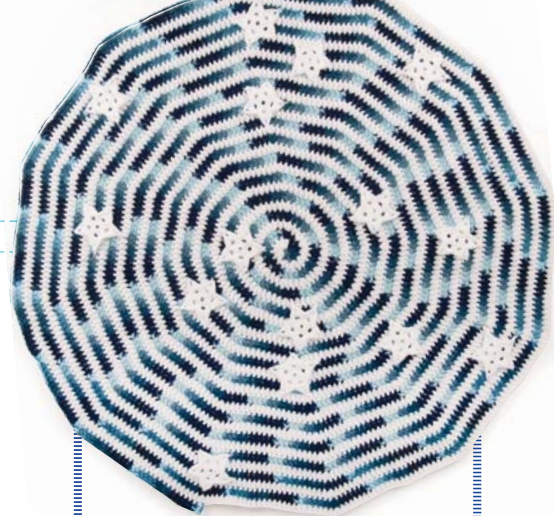
Round 4 With B, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times; change to A, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times—48 dc.

Round 5 With A, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times; change to B, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 6 times—60 dc.

Note In the next round, place markers to indicate where increases are made. You may wish to use different colored markers for the increase locations and the beginning of the round. The last increase location and the beginning of the round are in the same (last) stitch.

Round 6 With B, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, place a marker in last dc made] 6 times; change to A, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, place a marker in last dc made] 6 times—72 dc.

Round 7 With A, [dc in each dc to next marker, 2 dc in next dc, move marker to last dc made] 6 times; change to B, [dc in each dc to next marker, 2 dc in next dc, move marker to last dc made] 6 times—84 dc.



Tip When working the Star points 2–5, pull up a little on the hook to see where the point wants to fall before choosing where to work the joining slip stitch.

Round 8 With B, [dc in each dc to next marker, 2 dc in next dc, move marker to last dc made] 6 times; change to A, [dc in each dc to next marker, 2 dc in next dc, move marker to last dc made] 6 times—96 dc.

Rounds 9–28 Repeat last two rounds 10 times—336 dc. Fasten off.

STAR

(Make 15)

Note Stars are joined to the blanket while working Round 3. Place Stars randomly, as desired. With smaller hook and C, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 1, work 10 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous spiral—10 sc. Pull on tail to tighten ring. Place marker in last dc made to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2 Ch 1, [sc in next sc, ch 3, sc in next sc] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc—10 sc and 5 ch-3 sps.

Note Before beginning Round 3, decide where you would like to attach each Star to the Blanket. When instructed to "sl st in Blanket," insert hook around post or in top of stitch nearest to desired location of Star point.

Round 3 (Joining round) Ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, ch 1, sl st in Blanket, ch 1, dc, hdc, sc) (point made) in each ch-3 sp around; join with sl st in first sc—5 points.

Fasten off and draw ends through to WS of blanket.

FINISHING

Steam block to uncurl edges. Weave in ends. 

School Days

Prep kids for back to school now or in the fall with these classic patterns—a book bag, apple cozy, and homework blanket.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 skein #886 Blue (A)
- 1 skein #885 Delft Blue (B)
- 1 skein #316 Soft White (C)
- 1 skein #256 Carrot (D)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6.0mm) crochet hook (for book bag) or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size G/6 (4.0mm) crochet hook (for apple cozy) or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Felt: orange, black and light blue
- One 7/8"/2cm diameter button
- Sewing thread: orange, black, and light blue
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn

Super Saver in Delft Blue



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Owl book bag 11"/28cm wide x 13"/33cm high, plus handles

Baby owl apple cozy 3.5"/9cm high x 2.75"/7cm diameter

GAUGE

With J hook, 15 sc and 18 rows = 4"/10cm square

With J hook, white piece of eye = 4"/10cm diameter

With G hook, Rounds 1–5 on cozy = 2"/5cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

With J hook, ch 16.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—15 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Use J hook for book bag and G hook for apple cozy.

2 To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through remaining loops on hook. Continue with new color.

3 Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral without joining. To help identify end of rounds, insert stitch marker in last st on first round and move marker up to last st on each round as work progresses.

OWL BOOK BAG

Bag

With A, ch 39 loosely.

Round 1 (RS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, working in free

lps on opposite side of chs, sc in each ch across—76 sc.

Round 2 *Work 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 37 sc; repeat from * once more—80 sc.

Round 3 *Work 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in next 37 sc; repeat from * once more—86 sc.

Rounds 4–7 Sc in each sc around, sc in next 21 sc, changing to B in last sc on last round.

Rounds 8 and 9 With B, sc in each sc around, changing to A in last sc on last round.

Rounds 10 and 11 With A, sc in each sc around, changing to B in last sc on last round.

Rounds 12–43 Repeat Rounds 8–11, 8 more times.

Rounds 44–61 With B, sc in each sc around. At end of Round 61, sl st in next sc. Fasten off.

Eyes (Make 2)

Outer Circle

Round 1 (RS) With C, ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—15 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—20 sc.

Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—25 sc.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—30 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—35 sc.

Round 8 [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—40 sc.

Round 9 Sc in each sc around, sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Middle Circle (Make 2)

Rounds 1–4 With A, work same as Rounds 1–4 on Outer Circle of eye. At end of Round 4, sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



Owl Bag Set

BY ANA PAULA RIMOLI

Eye Assembly

Cut two 1½"/3cm diameter circles from black felt. With sewing needle and matching sewing thread, sew felt circles to Middle Circles. Sew Middle Circles to Outer Circles. Sew assembled eyes to front of bag, as shown in photograph.

Beak

Cut 2 diamonds, approx 2"/5cm long x 1.25"/3cm wide, from orange felt. Place felt pieces together and sew together near outer edges. Sew center of beak to bag, creating a crease in center of beak.

Wings/Side Pockets (Make 2)

Round 1 (right side) With A, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 7 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 8 [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 9 [Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 10 [Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—60 sc.

Round 11 [Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—66 sc.

Round 12 Sc in each sc around.

Round 13 *3 sc in next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

With RS facing, place wings on bottom side edges of bag, overlapping side edges of bag, as shown in photograph. Sew wings to bag, approx ¾ of the way around wings, leaving an opening at top of wings to form pockets.

Inside Pockets

Large Pocket

Rounds 1–11 With D, work same as Rounds 1–11 on Side Pockets.

Round 12 [Sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, sl st in next sc—72 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Small Pocket

Rounds 1–10 With C, work same as Rounds 1–10 on Side Pockets.

Round 11 Sc in each sc around, sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Place large pocket on inside back of bag, not centered, but to one side of center back. Sew approx ¾ of the way around pocket, leaving opening in top of pocket. Sew small pocket next to large pocket in same manner, to other side of center back, overlapping edges of pockets a little.

Handles (Make 2)

With D, ch 71 loosely.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—70 sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. At end of Row 3, fasten off.

Measure width of handles and cut long strips of orange felt for lining handles, sewing together strips, as needed, to measure total length of handle. Sew felt neatly to wrong side of each handle. Sew ends of handles to front and back of bag, as shown.

FINISHING

Cut as many 1"/2.5cm wide strips of light blue felt as needed to cover top circumference of bag. Sew felt strips to inside top of bag. Weave in all ends.

BABY OWL APPLE COZY

Owl Body

Round 1 (RS) With D, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around, changing to B in last sc—12 sc.

Round 3 With B, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, changing to D in last sc—18 sc.

Round 4 With D, [sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, changing to B in last sc—24 sc.

Round 5 With B, [sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, changing to D in last sc—30 sc.

Round 6 With D, [sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, changing to B in last sc—36 sc.

Round 7 With B, sc in each sc around, changing to D in last sc.

Round 8 With D, sc in each sc around, changing to B in last sc.

Rounds 9–12 Repeat Rounds 7 and 8, 2 more times. Do not change colors at end of last round.

Work now progresses in rows.

Row 13 With D, ch 1, turn; sc in front loop of

each sc across.

Row 14 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops, [sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Rows 15–19 Repeat Round 13, 5 more times.

Edging

Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across, ch 20 for button loop, sl st in same sc as last sc made, sc in edge of Rows 20–13, sc in last sc and in first sc on Round 12 at bottom of opening, sc in other edge of Rows 13–20, sl st in first sc—48 sc. Fasten off.

Sew button to back left-hand side of cozy, on opposite side as button loop, about 3 rows down and 3 sc over from center back opening, or as desired.

Eyes (Make 2)

Rounds 1–3 Using C throughout, work same as Rounds 1–3 on Owl Body. At end of Round 3, sl st in next sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Eye Assembly

Cut a 5⁄8"/1.5cm diameter circle out of light blue felt, and a slightly smaller circle out of black felt (see photo). With sewing needle and matching sewing thread, sew black circle to light blue circle and light blue circle to white crochet circle. Sew assembled eyes to baby owl.

Beak

Cut a small diamond, approx .5"/1.5cm long x ⅓"/1cm wide out of light blue felt. Fold felt in half and sew felt, through center fold, to baby owl's face.


Wings (Make 2)

Rounds 1–3 Using B throughout, work same as Rounds 1–3 on Owl Body.

Round 4 Continuing with B, *3 sc in next sc, sk next sc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fold wings in half, with WS together, and sew edges together. Sew folded wings to sides of baby owl with curved edge of wings facing front of owl, sewing top half of fold on wings and tacking down wings on owl so they won't flop around, as shown in photo.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 

Homework Blanket

Get kids excited to learn their ABCs with this afghan inspired by lined paper. Fill it in with any words you like, from the alphabet to your child's name!

BY MARTY MILLER

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 3 skein #320 Cornmeal (A)
- 1 skein #319 Cherry Red (B)
- 1 skein #347 Lt. Periwinkle (C)
- 1 skein #312 Black (D)

For yarn substitutions, see pg 66

CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6.0mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

SuperSaver in Cornmeal



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 35"/89cm wide x 44"/112cm high

GAUGE

11 dc = 4"/10cm

4 rows in pattern = 2.25"/5.5cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 13.

Rows 1–4 Work same as Rows 1–4 on Blanket—11 sts. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm wide x 2.25"/5.5cm high. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BLANKET

With A, ch 93.

Row 1 (WS) Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—91 dc.

Row 2 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in first skipped ch at beginning of Row 1.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Row 4 Turn. With RS facing, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st across. Fasten off.

Row 5 Turn. With WS facing, join A with sl st in first st, ch 3, dc in next st

and in each st across.

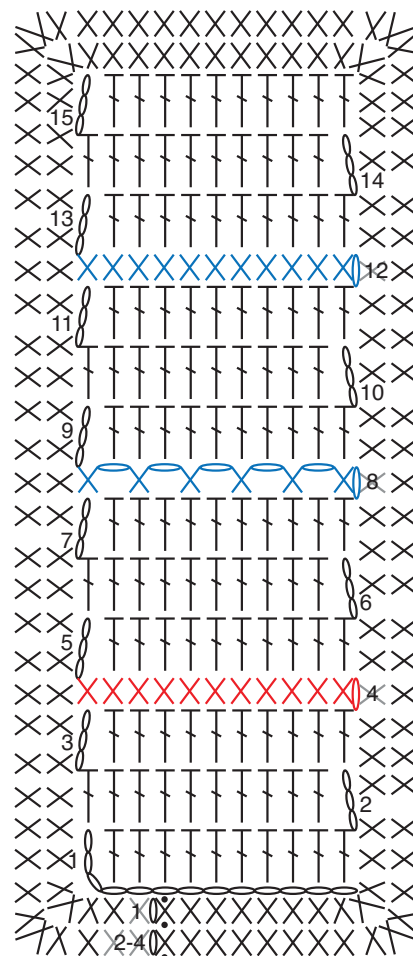
Rows 6 and 7 Repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 7, fasten off.

Row 8 Turn. With RS facing, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, *ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across, ending last repeat with sc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—46 sc and 45 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Row 9 Turn. With WS facing, join A with sl st in first st, ch 3; *dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next sc; repeat from * across—91 dc.

Rows 10 and 11 Repeat Row 3, 2 more times. At end of Row 11, fasten off.





Row 12 With C, repeat Row 4.

Rows 13–15 With A, repeat Rows 5–7. At end of Row 15, fasten off.

Rows 16–75 Repeat Rows 4–15, 5 more times. Fasten off.

Edging

With RS facing, join A with sl st in free loop of any foundation ch on bottom edge of blanket.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in free loop of each ch across bottom edge to last ch, 3 sc in free loop of last ch (corner made), sc evenly spaced up side edge to next corner, working approx 5 sc in edge of every 3 consecutive dc rows and 1 sc in

edge of each sc row, 3 sc in first dc on top edge (corner made), sc in each dc across top edge to beginning ch-3, 3 sc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 (corner made), sc evenly spaced down side edge to next corner, working approx 5 sc in edge of every 3 consecutive dc rows and 1 sc in edge of each sc row, 3 sc in free loop of first ch on bottom edge (corner made), sc in free lp of each ch across bottom edge to beginning; join with sl st in first sc. Do not turn.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around, working 3 sc in center sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Do not turn. At end of Round 4, fasten off.

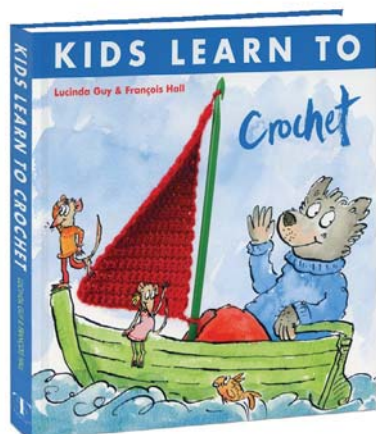
Tip To help keep track of the right side, insert a stitch marker or safety pin in any stitch on the right side after working Row 2.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Embroidery

With D, referring to photo and working on RS of blanket, embroider letters, numbers, and happy face with chain stitch. ☀



My First Crochet

Teach kids to crochet with our tips, and in no time, they'll be able to whip up **Lucinda Guy's** Stripy Stu project from her book *Kids Learn to Crochet*.



Many kids find that crochet is the easiest needlecraft to learn. Introducing them to the wonders of crochet requires the right tools, the right yarn, and the right first project, so that kids see the craft as fun instead of a chore.

One of the benefits of teaching kids to crochet is that it hones their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Children as young as six should be able to master the basics.

While teaching, it's important to be patient, give praise, and—if you're in a classroom setting—realize that all kids don't learn at the same speed and some may need special attention.

Before tackling the Stripy Stu project here, you'll need to teach kids how to do a basic slipknot, a chain, single crochet (see our Resources section on page 65 for a quick primer if you need it), fastening off, and some basic sewing. Because kids have limited attention spans, break up your sessions into bite-size pieces. And encourage practicing before moving from one skill to the next. The project itself builds on kids' basic techniques by teaching them to join yarn in order to create stripes.

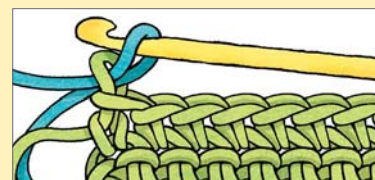
The Crochet Guild of America's website (www.crochet.org/teach/toc.html) has tips on organizing a crochet class in your local school and the Craft Yarn Council's Learning

Center (www.craftyarnCouncil.com/learn-home.html) teaches the basics and beyond to keep kids and adults engaged in the craft. Lucinda Guy's *Kids Learn to Crochet* (Trafalgar Square Books, 2008), featuring the charming mice Peg and

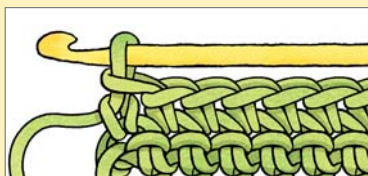
Pip, teaches techniques with step-by-step illustrative instructions to create fun, yet easy, projects. One of them, Stripy Stu (at right), makes a great first project once kids get the hang of the hook. —Kate Beale

Joining In a New Color

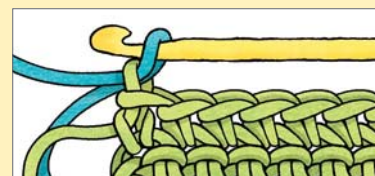
Guy illustrates how it's easier to start a new color at the end of a row instead of in the middle.



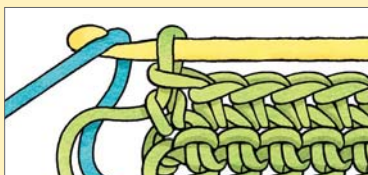
3 Pull the new yarn color through the loop on the hook.



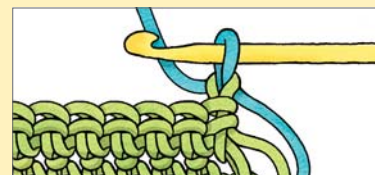
1 To join in a new color of yarn, cut the yarn you have been crocheting with—about 4 inches from your last stitch.



4 Give the old yarn color a tug—this will tighten the stitch and help keep the new yarn color in place.



2 Take the new color and wrap it around the hook, leaving a tail about 4 inches long.



5 Turn your crochet. You are now ready to start crocheting with your new yarn color!

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Pattern Basics

Use this handy reference to help you through this issue's projects.

Master Abbreviations

BL Back Loop(s)	RS right side
BP Back Post	sc single crochet
BPdc Back Post double crochet	sc2tog single crochet 2 stitches together
ch(s) chain(s)	sk skip
Cl cluster	sl slip
dc double crochet	sl st slip stitch
dc2tog double crochet 2 stitches together	sp(s) space(s)
dec decrease(ing)	st(s) stitch(es)
FL Front Loop(s)	tog together
FPdc Front Post double crochet	tr treble crochet
FPsc Front Post single crochet	WS wrong side
FPtr Front Post treble crochet	* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
hdc half double crochet	() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.
inc increase(ing)	[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
pat pattern	
rev sc reverse single crochet	

Skill Levels Explained

Skill Level: **BEGINNER**

1 2 3 4

Perfect for new crocheters, these items use basic stitches and minimal shaping.

Skill Level: **EASY**

1 2 3 4

These projects use simple stitches, stitch patterns, color changes, shaping, and finishing.

Skill Level: **INTERMEDIATE**

1 2 3 4

These projects use a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns and mid-level shaping.

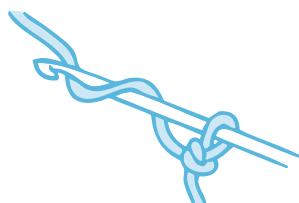
Skill Level: **EXPERIENCED**

1 2 3 4

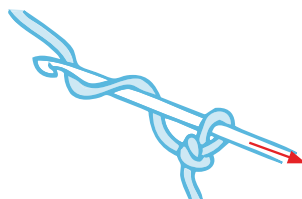
These projects feature intricate stitch patterns, more advanced techniques, or detailed shaping.

Learn to Crochet

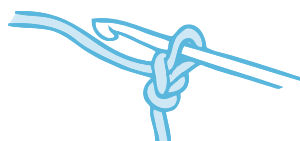
Making a Foundation Chain



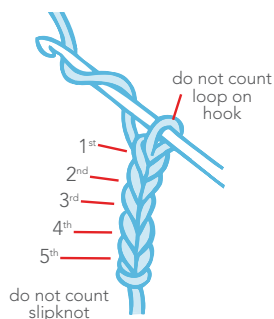
1 Start by making a slipknot and positioning it near the end of the hook. Wrap the working yarn (the yarn attached to the ball or skein) around the hook as shown. Wrapping the yarn in this way is called a yarn over.



2 Draw the yarn through the loop on the hook by catching it with the hook and pulling toward you.

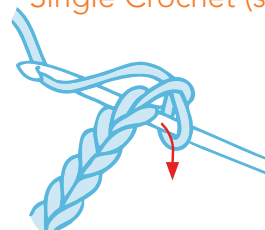


3 One chain stitch is complete. Lightly tug on the yarn to tighten the loop if it is very loose, or wiggle the hook to loosen the loop if it is tight. Repeat from step 1 to make as many chains as required for your pattern.

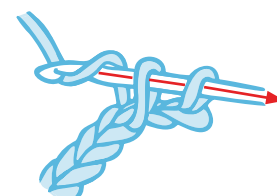


4 To count the number of chain stitches made, hold the chain so that the "V"s are all lined up. Do not count the loop on the hook or the slipknot you made when beginning the chain. Each V counts as one chain made.

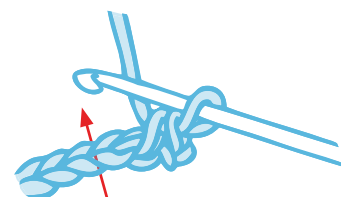
Single Crochet (sc)



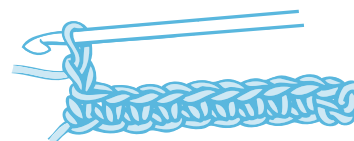
1 Insert the hook under both the front and back loops (i.e., under the complete "V") of the 2nd chain from the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front (this is called a yarn over) and catch it with the hook. Draw the yarn through the V.



2 You now have two loops on the hook. Yarn over and draw the yarn through both loops on the hook.



3 One single crochet stitch is complete. Continue to repeat steps 1 and 2, inserting the hook into each V across the row.



4 When you reach the end of the row, make one chain stitch (this is called a turning chain), then turn the piece from right to left. To begin the next row, insert the hook under the V of the first stitch (skipping the one chain stitch you just made) and repeat the steps.

Recommended Yarn Substitutions

When switching yarns, always choose the same weight and do a gauge swatch with the new yarn and adjust your needle size if necessary.

1 SUPER FINE

- Red Heart Heart & Sole
- Red Heart Stardust

2 FINE

- Red Heart Baby Sheen
- Red Heart LusterSheen

3 LIGHT

- Anne Geddes Baby
- Red Heart Baby TLC

4 MEDIUM

- Red Heart Boutique Magical
- Red Heart Boutique Midnight
- Red Heart Boutique Treasure
- Red Heart Boutique Unforgettable
- Red Heart Baby Econo
- Red Heart Celebration
- Red Heart Classic
- Red Heart Gumdrops
- Red Heart Holiday
- Red Heart Kids
- Red Heart Plush Baby
- Red Heart Shimmer

- Red Heart Soft Baby Steps
- Red Heart Soft
- Red Heart Super Tweed
- Red Heart Super Saver
- Red Heart Team Spirit
- Red Heart With Love
- Red Heart With Wool

5 BULKY

- Red Heart Boutique Changes
- Red Heart Boutique Swirl
- Red Heart Buttercup

6 SUPER BULKY

- Red Heart Baby Clouds
- Red Heart Boutique Swerve
- Red Heart Light & Lofty

CROCHET THREAD Size 3

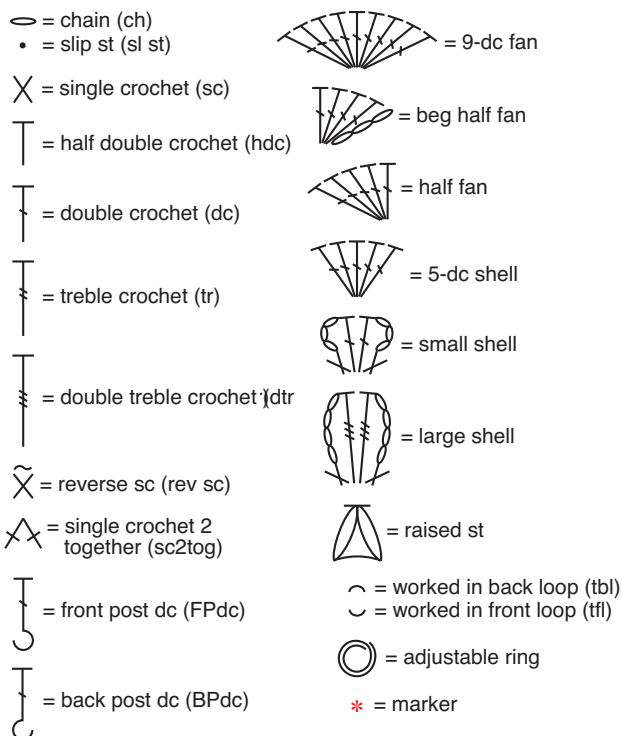
- Aunt Lydia's Fashion Crochet
- Aunt Lydia's Bamboo Crochet Thread

Size 10

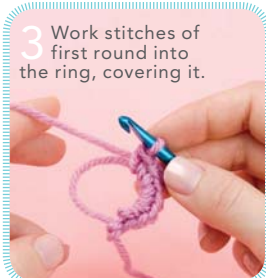
- Classic Crochet
- Bamboo Crochet Thread

Diagram Key

Use this key to translate the symbols found in this issue's diagrams.



How to Make an Adjustable Ring



Standard Yarn Weight System

Categories of yarn, gauge ranges, and recommended needle sizes*

Yarn Weight Symbol & Category Names	0 LACE	1 SUPER FINE	2 FINE	3 LIGHT	4 MEDIUM	5 BULKY	6 SUPER BULKY
Type of Yarns in Category	Fingering 10 count crochet thread	Sock, Finger- ing, Baby	Sport, Baby	DK, Light Worsted	Worsted, Afghan, Aran	Chunky, Craft, Rug	Bulky, Roving
Crochet Gauge* Ranges in Single Crochet to 4"	32–42 double crochets	21–32 sts	16–20 sts	12–17 sts	11–14 sts	8–11 sts	5–9 sts
Recommended Hook Metric Size Range U.S. Size Range	Steel** 1.6–1.4mm Regular Hook 2.25mm	2.25–3.5 mm	3.5–4.5 mm	4.5–5.5 mm	5.5–6.5 mm	6.5–9 mm	9mm & larger
Recommended Hook U.S. Size Range	Steel** 6, 7, 8 Regular Hook B-1	B-1 to E-4	E-4 to 7	7 to I-9	I-9 to K-10½	K-10½ to M-13	M-13 & larger

*Guidelines Only: The above reflect the most commonly used gauges and needle or hook sizes for specific yarn categories.

**Steel crochet hooks are sized differently from regular hooks—the higher the number, the smaller the hook, which is the reverse of regular hook sizing.



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